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## **Abstract**

The main body of this thesis consists of a catalogue and description of the documentation of the forest eyre between 1154 and 1368. The information is presented chronologically so that the pattern of visitations is readily apparent, but a county by county list of eyres is also appended. Drawing on such sources as the pipe rolls, close and patent rolls, liberate and charter rolls, plea rolls, chronicles and ancient correspondence the catalogue indicates when and where forest eyres were held, the names of the personnel involved and the amount of revenue assessed in each instance. Where plea rolls exist a full description of the contents is provided, with a breakdown of the number and types of offences committed. Particular care has been taken in the catalogue to indicate the distinction between contemporary plea rolls, copy rolls made later in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries and those brought together in the modern period for archival convenience. There is a short introduction to the catalogue, which outlines the history and development of the eyre from the conquest to the end of the period under discussion, throwing particular light on the financial proceeds. There is also a brief examination of the workings of the forest law and administration.

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## List of Abbreviations

<i>Ann. Mon.</i>	<i>Annales Monastici</i> , ed. H.R. Luard. 5 vols. (Rolls ser., 1864-9).
<i>CChR</i>	<i>Calendar of the Charter Rolls</i> (HMSO, 1903-20).
<i>CCR</i>	<i>Calendar of the Close Rolls</i> (HMSO, 1892-).
<i>Chron. Maj.</i>	<i>Matthaei Parisiensis, Monachi Sancti Albani, Chronica Majora</i> , ed. H.R. Luard, 7 vols. (Rolls ser., 1884-9).
<i>CLR</i>	<i>Calendar of the Liberate Rolls</i> (HMSO, 1916-64).
<i>CPR</i>	<i>Calendar of the Patent Rolls</i> (HMSO, 1891-).
<i>CR</i>	<i>Close Rolls</i> (HMSO, 1902-38).
<i>PR</i>	<i>Patent Rolls</i> (HMSO, 1901-3).
Howden	<i>Chronicon Rogeri de Hovedene</i> , ed. W. Stubbs, 4 vols. (Rolls ser., 1868-71).
<i>RCh</i>	<i>Rotuli Chartarum in Turri Londinensi asservati</i> , ed. T. Duffus Hardy (Record Commission, 1837).
<i>RLC</i>	<i>Rotuli Litterarum Clausarum in Turri Londinensi asservati</i> , ed. T. Duffus Hardy, 2 vols. (Record Commission, 1833-4).

Pipe rolls, both printed and unprinted, are cited under the calendar year (e.g. *Pipe Roll, 1175*). See below pp. 29-31, 41.

References are initially cited in full but subsequently only the name of the author is given, with a page reference. Where more than one work by the same author is cited, however, a short title is also provided. Place of publication is only cited if other than London.

## Introduction<sup>1</sup>

### The Development of the Forest Eyre

Prior to the Conquest the kings of England enjoyed the right to hunt freely on their own lands, but in this they did not differ significantly from any other landowner. It was not a function of kingship, rather the prerogative of the landed. This changed with the arrival of William the Conqueror. In Normandy the strict preservation of game was confined to the ducal demesne, but the conquest of England offered a unique opportunity to extend the sphere of influence. At this stage it seems likely that the protection of hunting rights was still of paramount importance. William the Conqueror and his sons were notorious in their devotion to hunting. The compiler of the *Anglo-Saxon Chronicle* noted that William

.... preserved the harts and boars  
And loved the stags as much  
As if he were their father.<sup>2</sup>

In a similar vein Henry of Huntingdon noted that 'he loved the beasts of the chase as if he were their father. On account of this, in the woodlands reserved for hunting, which he called the 'New Forest', he had villages rooted out and people removed, and made it a habitation for wild beasts'.<sup>3</sup>

The evidence is far from clear, but the reign of Henry I seems to have witnessed a development both in the extent and organisation of the royal forest. That new land was added to the forest is apparent from Stephen's

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<sup>1</sup> The most important general works on the royal forest are R. Grant, *The Royal Forests of England* (1991), the introduction to *Select Pleas of the Forest*, ed. G.J. Turner (Selden Soc., xiii, 1899), C. Petit-Dutaillis and G. Lefebvre, *Studies and Notes Supplementary to Stubbs' Constitutional History* (Manchester, 1930) and C.R. Young, *The Royal Forests of Medieval England* (Pennsylvania, 1979).

<sup>2</sup> *The Anglo-Saxon Chronicle, A Revised Translation*, ed. D. Whitelock et al (1961), p. 165.

<sup>3</sup> Henry, Archdeacon of Huntingdon, *Historia Anglorum, The History of the English People*, ed. and trans. D. Greenway (Oxford, 1996), p. 405.

charter of 1136. In this document Stephen promised to return land added to the royal forest by his predecessor.<sup>4</sup> It had clearly expanded to embrace more than the royal demesne. As far as the organisation and administration of the royal forest is concerned the single surviving pipe roll from the reign of Henry I is invaluable. The 1130 pipe roll records revenue that is clearly derived from a general forest visitation. The efforts of the justices were concentrated in the south of England, although the forest of the bishopric of Chester was visited and pleas were heard in Gloucestershire and Huntingdonshire.<sup>5</sup> The forest was already becoming more than simply a royal game preserve. It would not be until the second half of the twelfth century that the unique financial potential of the forest began to be exploited systematically, but the change in emphasis had begun.

The development of the royal forest was interrupted by the upheaval of Stephen's reign, when 'wild animals ..., which before had been most scrupulously preserved in the whole kingdom, ....., were now molested in every quarter, scattered by chance-comer and fearlessly struck down by all'.<sup>6</sup> It was, however, only a short-lived setback. A regard, yielding significant financial returns, was undertaken as early as 1155<sup>7</sup> and by the mid 1160s the framework that would survive into the next century and beyond was well established. In addition to this development of the forest administration Henry II's reign saw a vast increase in the total area of the forest. By 1189, between one third and one quarter of England was considered by the king as within the bounds of the royal forest<sup>8</sup> and some twenty-nine counties were affected to a greater or lesser degree. Some of the more important forest counties

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<sup>4</sup> *Select Charters and Other Illustrations of English Constitutional History, from the Earliest Times to the Reign of Edward I*, ed. W. Stubbs, 9th edn., revised by H.W.C. Davies (Oxford, 1921), pp. 143-4; Petit-Dutaillis and Lefebvre, p. 179; Grant, p. 3. It should be noted that there was no question of disafforesting land placed within the forest by William I and William II.

<sup>5</sup> H.A. Cronne, 'The royal forest in the reign of Henry I', in *Essays in British and Irish History in Honour of James Eadie Todd*, ed. H.A. Cronne et al (1949), p. 22.

<sup>6</sup> *Gesta Stephani*, ed. and trans. K.R. Potter (Oxford, 1976), p. 3.

<sup>7</sup> E. Amt, 'The forest regard of 1155', *Journal of the Haskins Society: Studies in Medieval History*, ii (1990), 189.

<sup>8</sup> J.A. Green, 'Unity and disunity in the Anglo-Norman state', *Historical Research*, lxii (1989), 124.

were Essex (the entire county), Hampshire (New Forest and others), Northamptonshire (Rockingham, Salcey and Whittlewood), Nottinghamshire (Sherwood), Wiltshire (numerous) and Yorkshire (Galtres and Pickering).<sup>9</sup>

The royal forest embraced not only wooded areas, but also large tracts of arable land and even towns and villages. Anyone dwelling or holding land within the forest bounds was subject to a complex set of regulations, implemented by royal officials answerable only to the king. They were prevented from hunting freely but, more importantly, the laws of the vert denied them the right to utilise their land as they saw fit. Amercements were imposed for offences falling into three main categories: waste, assart and purpresture. Waste, as the name implies, occurred when land was cleared. Individuals found guilty of waste were not only burdened with a punitive amercement but also had to pay a sum equivalent to the value of any trees or brushwood that they had cut down. The waste of forest land might be the result of the over-zealous collection of wood for fuel or building, but it was frequently a prelude to assarting, that is the creation of new arable land. As with waste the creation of an assart frequently resulted in a dual financial penalty; an initial amercement could be supplemented by an annual rent for the maintenance of the newly-cleared ground. If the assarted land was enclosed or built upon, an additional amercement would be imposed for what was called a purpresture. Finally, there were payments connected with the grazing of livestock, such as pannage.

Perhaps the most telling description of the royal forest is offered by Richard fitz Nigel in his *Dialogus de Scaccario* (1176). He states that

the whole organisation of the forests, the punishment, pecuniary or corporal, of forest offences, is outside the jurisdiction of the other

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<sup>9</sup> For a breakdown of the royal forests in the mid thirteenth century see M. Bazeley, 'The extent of the English forest in the thirteenth century', *Transactions of the Royal Historical Society*, 4th ser., iv (1921), 160-3. Appendix Two (below pp. 448-50) gives a list of the main forests in England, based on Bazeley.

courts, and solely dependent on the decision of the King, or of some officer specially appointed by him. The forest has its own laws, based, ....., not on the Common Law of the realm, but on the arbitrary legislation of the King.<sup>10</sup>

This 'arbitrary legislation' was enforced by a complicated network of courts and officials. At the most basic level each forest was patrolled by a number of riding and walking foresters, responsible for the day-to-day implementation of the forest law. They served under foresters-in-fee who in turn served under a warden or keeper. These men, and sometimes women,<sup>11</sup> were supported by agisters, verderers and regards.<sup>12</sup> The verderers and regards differed from their fellows in that they received no remuneration. They were often men of some local standing, who were elected in the county court. Overseeing the whole was the chief justice of the forest.<sup>13</sup>

The administration within which these officials operated was similarly complicated. Of greatest significance locally was the attachment court, presided over by the verderers. The foresters presented information as to the wrongdoing that they had uncovered since the last meeting<sup>14</sup> and offenders were generally attached to appear before the justices in eyre when they next visited the county. The verderers had no power to deal with those who had committed offences against the venison, but they could impose fines for minor offences against the vert. The usual procedure was for the inhabitants of the four nearest townships to be summoned and examined on oath as to what had happened in a particular case. The last tier of the local administration was the triennial regard, effectively a review of the state of the vert. The twelve regards were furnished with certain articles or questions to which

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<sup>10</sup> *De Necessariis Observantiis Scaccarii Dialogus qui vulgo dicitur Dialogus de Scaccario*, ed. and trans. C. Johnson (Oxford, 1983), pp. 59-60.

<sup>11</sup> Avicia de Columbers, for example, was warden of Chute forest in Hampshire.

<sup>12</sup> See below for details of their responsibilities.

<sup>13</sup> There was usually a single chief justice, but for a short period in the reign of Henry III two chief justices, operating north and south of the Trent, were appointed (see below p. 18).

<sup>14</sup> The interval between meetings was fixed at forty days by cap. 8 of the 1217 Charter of the Forest (Stubbs, p. 346).

they had to provide answers.<sup>15</sup> They provided a complete record of wastes, assarts and purprestures which was subsequently presented at the forest eyre.

The eyre, usually presided over by the chief justice, was fundamental to the running of the royal forest and, more importantly, to its successful financial exploitation. Revenue derived from regular payments, such as pannage, could be collected independently and local forest courts could deal with minor infringements against the vert, but anything of a more serious nature had to be dealt with by the justices in eyre. The local administration could function on a daily basis without central interference, but regular visitations were essential in the long-term. The great bulk of forest revenue was derived from fines and amercements imposed in the course of the eyre. The range of these financial penalties was huge, depending on the severity of the offence and the ability of the individual to pay. Minor offences against the vert commonly resulted in an amercement of a few shillings, but those guilty of more serious wastes or offences against the venison could find themselves owing hundreds of pounds.<sup>16</sup>

Despite its obvious significance there is considerable uncertainty as to the development of the eyre in the twelfth century and beyond, an uncertainty which extends even to the number of eyres that took place.<sup>17</sup> The main problem lies in the ambiguous nature of the early pipe roll evidence.<sup>18</sup> The information does not readily break down into discrete eyres. Payments are often spread over several years and it is frequently unclear to which visitation

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<sup>15</sup> For the Articles of the Regard see *PR*, 1225-32, 286-7.

<sup>16</sup> *Pipe Roll 1176* has many examples of £100 amercements (see, for example, pp. 22, 112, 116 and 159). The largest amercements, however, were reserved for forests officials guilty of contributing to the deterioration of the royal forest (see below p. 27 for the large amercement levied on John de Neville in 1246).

<sup>17</sup> A degree of consistency might be expected for the reigns of Henry II, Richard I and John, where most of the sources are printed. Unfortunately this is not the case. To take one example Young records only six eyres during this period (Young, p. 39), while Grant notes ten (Grant, p. 67). I would suggest that both have omitted visitations.

<sup>18</sup> Apart from the occasional chronicle reference, the pipe rolls are the only source for the forest eyre prior to the thirteenth century.

they belong. There does, however, seem to have been some concept of a general forest eyre, during which the majority of forest counties would be visited. Obvious examples of this are the visitations of 1169-71 and 1175-6, when pleas were heard in twenty-three and twenty-two counties respectively.<sup>19</sup> This pattern of visitations continued well into the thirteenth century but began to break down under Edward I, when it was not uncommon for counties to be visited singly. In what follows I have indicated where eyres can be grouped into circuits, or what I will call visitations, but it is not always possible to do this.

The first visitation of Henry II's reign can be dated to the mid 1160s.<sup>20</sup> Between 1166 and 1168 Alan de Neville heard pleas of the forest in twenty-one counties, ranging from Northumberland to Devon.<sup>21</sup> The visitation was inevitably something of an experiment, but subsequent developments indicate that it was a successful one. It had taken twelve years for Henry II to hold a forest eyre, but thereafter they were commissioned at regular intervals. The next visitation recorded on the pipe rolls dates from 1169-71. On this occasion twenty-three counties were visited. Procedure was still clearly evolving, and the information relating to the various eyres is presented on the pipe roll in a different form to the earlier visitation. The pipe rolls provide no comprehensive list of those amerced before the justices, let alone significant

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<sup>19</sup> See below and pp. 12-13.

<sup>20</sup> Warren suggests that pleas of the forest were heard in 1163 (W.L. Warren, *Henry II* (1973), p. 285 n. 5). In the Oxfordshire section of the pipe roll of 1163, there is a heading *Nova Placita et Nove Conventiones*. In the first entry under this heading the sheriff accounts for 5s *de Placitis Alani de Nevilla*. It is not entirely clear, however, whether the many subsequent entries (often recording payments made by individual vills) also relate to forest pleas (*Pipe Roll 1163*, 48-51). In the other counties there is the same heading *Nova Placita et Nove Conventiones*, and similar types of payments, but no reference to the pleas of Alan de Neville. The only indication that these are forest pleas comes in Northamptonshire, where four payments relate to waste (*Pipe Roll 1163*, 36; for the other counties see *ibid.*, 15-20, 63-5). It is possible that Alan de Neville did hold forest pleas in all these counties, in which case this visitation, recorded in the pipe roll of 1163, becomes the first of Henry II's reign. But it is only certain that Alan heard some pleas in Oxfordshire and because of this uncertainty I have begun the catalogue with the visitation which appears in the pipe roll of 1166. For the dating of eyres from pipe rolls see below pp. 29-31.

<sup>21</sup> For the purposes of this analysis I have taken counties which commonly account together at the Exchequer to be one unit. Thus for the 1166-8 visitation Buckinghamshire and Bedfordshire have not been counted individually, despite the appearance of separate accounts for forest pleas.



information as to the nature of the offences they might have committed. In almost all cases revenue is noted as being derived simply from assarts, purprestures, wastes or, more generally, pleas of the forest. It appears that the sheriff accounted at the Exchequer for the total sum involved. With the notable exception of the 1175-6 visitation this practice is adopted on all subsequent occasions. Larger fines and amercements might be recorded separately, but the bulk of the revenue is not itemised.<sup>22</sup>

The next two visitations illustrate the importance of the general political situation with regard to the exploitation of the royal forest. In 1173-6 Alan de Neville, Robert Mantel and William fitz Ralph heard pleas in thirteen counties.<sup>23</sup> With the exception of 1183 this is the smallest number of counties visited in the course of a single twelfth-century visitation. The explanation for this lies in wider events, specifically the war of 1173-4. Henry II needed all the support he could find, and one way of achieving this was to relax the forest law and allow his subjects to hunt freely. Unfortunately this generosity was short-lived. With the restoration of peace came a new and swingeing visitation. All those who had caught deer with what they regarded as official sanction found themselves punished for their 'crimes'. Richard de Lucy protested at Henry's sleight of hand,<sup>24</sup> but to no avail. In all likelihood Henry heard at least some of the forest pleas in person.<sup>25</sup>

It has often been stated that the visitation of 1175-6 was commissioned as a punitive measure,<sup>26</sup> and there is undoubtedly a substantial element of truth in this assertion. It is, however, an over-simplification. Financial considerations

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<sup>22</sup> In view of the actual, and perhaps planned, expansion of the eyre this was a sensible development. The sheer volume of information recorded for the 1175-6 visitation is invaluable from the point of view of the historian, but administratively cumbersome.

<sup>23</sup> It is interesting to note that this is the first occasion on which more than one justice is named. Previously there had only been references to Alan de Neville and his associates.

<sup>24</sup> *Chronicon Rogeri de Hovedene*, ed, W. Stubbs, 4 vols. (Rolls ser., 1868-71), ii, 79.

<sup>25</sup> For a full discussion of Henry's participation in the 1175-6 visitation see below pp. 64-5.

<sup>26</sup> R.W. Eyton, for example, maintains that 'Henry has been much blamed for this exercise of his restored power, but it should be remembered that in punishing trespassers of the forest, he probably punished individuals whose general spirit of disloyalty had manifested itself in

seem to have been of overriding importance, and loyalty to the king was no guarantee of exemption.<sup>27</sup> Pleas were heard in twenty-two counties and the levels of revenue assessed established once and for all that the royal forest could be a significant source of income for the Crown.<sup>28</sup>

Eyres were held at regular intervals for the remainder of Henry II's reign. The longest gap is that between the visitations of 1179-80 and 1184-6.<sup>29</sup> It would also appear that it became customary to mark the appointment of a chief justice of the forest with a new visitation. Thomas fitz Bernard, Geoffrey fitz Peter and Hugh de Neville all headed eyres in their first year of office.<sup>30</sup> However, as these patterns emerge it becomes increasingly difficult to distinguish between visitations. The career of Thomas fitz Bernard illustrates the point well. Fitz Bernard was almost continuously active between 1177 and 1184. Revenue derived from his forest pleas appears on the pipe rolls for 1177-80 and 1183.<sup>31</sup> In two counties, Essex and Hampshire, new information about revenue derived from the forest is recorded in four consecutive years.<sup>32</sup> It is impossible to be certain, but there were probably only two separate visitations, in 1177-8 and 1179-80.<sup>33</sup> If this division is followed, twenty-three and twenty-six counties were visited respectively. The sums raised were not vast, as might be expected in the wake of the 1175-6 visitation, but

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thus taking advantage of the disorganisation of the period' (R.W. Eyton, *Antiquities of Shropshire*, 12 vols. (1854-60), i, p. 263).

<sup>27</sup> Grant singles out Everard de Ros and Adam and Robert de Brus as loyal barons who were heavily amerced (Grant, p. 18).

<sup>28</sup> For a full discussion of the financial aspects of this and other forest eyres see below pp. 24-8.

<sup>29</sup> Revenue derived from pleas of the forest before Thomas fitz Bernard is recorded for Cumberland, Gloucestershire and Shropshire on *Pipe Roll 1183*, 3, 6, 95, but only £11 7s 8d was levied in total. If a more general visitation was planned it failed to materialise.

<sup>30</sup> The three chief justices began to hear pleas in 1177, 1184 and 1198 respectively.

<sup>31</sup> Thomas fitz Bernard is not always named (see for example *Pipe Roll 1178*, 54), but I have assumed his involvement.

<sup>32</sup> *Pipe Roll 1177*, 149, 171; *Pipe Roll 1178*, 37, 110; *Pipe Roll 1179*, 55, 105, 107; *Pipe Roll 1180*, 7, 135.

<sup>33</sup> The idea that there were in fact only two visitations is borne out by the pipe rolls. In Essex, for example, the sums of £109, £15, £23 and £81 were levied in the four years in question. The larger sums assessed in 1176 and 1179 suggest that two eyres were held, with related payments in the intervening years. The situation in Hampshire is much the same.

substantial enough to indicate continuing royal enthusiasm for the financial exploitation of the forest.

The period from the appointment of Geoffrey fitz Peter in 1184 to the end of Henry's reign was marked by a similar burst of activity. It is, however, slightly easier to distinguish between eyres as the pipe rolls begin to name all of the justices appointed to hear pleas in any one county. Geoffrey fitz Peter was principally active in the southern counties of England during these years, although he did venture as far north as Rutland,<sup>34</sup> and in a number of counties he is the only justice named throughout the period. The pipe rolls, however, provide more detail about the presiding justices in those counties where fitz Peter was not commissioned to hear pleas.<sup>35</sup> Where the names of these justices differ substantially from one year to the next it is reasonable to assume that more than one eyre was commissioned, but the demarcation is not always so apparent.<sup>36</sup> It would appear, however, that this period saw two relatively wide-ranging visitations, in 1184-6 and 1187-8, with twenty-six counties visited in both instances.

In 1189 Henry II died and was succeeded by his son, Richard. The change of sovereign was marked by the commissioning of a new general eyre in eighteen counties, once again headed by Geoffrey fitz Peter. Despite this initial burst of activity, Richard's reign saw a relative diminution in the direct exploitation of the forest. There are two possible explanations for this. Firstly

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<sup>34</sup> He heard pleas in Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Bedfordshire, Cornwall, Devon, Dorset and Somerset, Essex, Hampshire, Huntingdonshire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire, Oxfordshire, Rutland, Surrey, Sussex, Warwickshire and Leicestershire, Wiltshire and Worcestershire.

<sup>35</sup> He did not hear pleas in Cumberland, Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Lancaster, Northumberland, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Worcestershire and Yorkshire.

<sup>36</sup> Northumberland is a good example of the problems that can arise. *Pipe Roll 1185* names Ernis de Neville and Nigel fitz Alexander (p. 152), while *Pipe Roll 1186* adds Geoffrey de Hay (p. 124). Are these two separate eyres, was Geoffrey de Hay associated with the two original justices subsequently, or is the scribe simply providing more detail? *Pipe Roll 1187*, by contrast, names Ernis de Neville, William le Vavasur and Roger de Bavent, in what is clearly a new commission (p. 184).

Richard was absent overseas for long periods.<sup>37</sup> Secondly, and perhaps more importantly, his need for revenue demanded more immediate measures. The short term solution that presented itself was the sale of exemptions from the forest. This was a trend continued by John, albeit in conjunction with an ever-increasing use of the eyre.<sup>38</sup>

The 1196 pipe roll records revenue derived from the forest in Northumberland, but this is a solitary example of judicial activity. The next general visitation did not occur until 1198-9, when twenty-one counties were visited. Forest payments from two of these counties (Buckinghamshire and Warwickshire and Leicestershire) appear on both the 1198 and 1199 pipe rolls. It is not entirely clear whether these payments relate to more than one eyre but, largely on the basis of differing judicial personnel, I have chosen to separate them. The visitation of 1198-9, though far less lucrative than some of the earlier visitations of Henry II's reign and later ones of John, was nonetheless described by Howden as 'another kind of torment bringing confusion to the men of the kingdom', coming as it did on top of the judicial eyres which had already 'reduced all England from sea to sea to poverty'.<sup>39</sup>

Richard I may not have realised the full potential of the forest, but his brother, John, systematically extracted sums akin to those raised by Henry II. The 1175-6 visitation remained the single most profitable of the twelfth century, but it was always something of an aberration. John exploited the forest in an entirely new way and by the end of his reign forest eyres were taking place on an almost annual basis. Between 1207 and 1212 a total revenue of almost

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<sup>37</sup> Richard was in England for only six months of his reign (see *The Itinerary of Richard I*, ed. L. Landon (Pipe Roll Soc., new ser., 13, 1935) and M. Clanchy, *England and its Rulers, 1066-1272*, p. 137).

<sup>38</sup> The pipe rolls provide numerous examples of this practice. The men of the county of Bedfordshire fined £200 for the deforestation of that part of the county afforested by Henry I (*Pipe Roll 1190*, 145); William de Ainesford fined 60 marks (£40) to secure the deforestation of his manor of Stockton (*Pipe Roll 1203*, 6); and the men of Devon fined 5000 marks (£3333 6s 8d) for the deforestation of the entire county (*Pipe Roll 1204*, 89).

<sup>39</sup> Howden, iv, 62-3.

£11500 was assessed.<sup>40</sup> In the light of this it is not difficult to see why the forest was thought to warrant a separate charter in 1217.<sup>41</sup> In accordance with the by now traditional pattern, there was considerable activity at the beginning of John's reign. Pleas of the forest were heard in fifteen counties stretching from Cornwall to Northumberland. The pipe rolls then record no judicial activity until 1207, when John seems to have begun a concerted effort to maximise revenue from the royal forest. It is difficult to make sense of the pipe roll evidence, but most counties saw two eyres during the period 1207-10. There was then a final brief respite before the last great visitation of John's reign in 1212, when twenty-three counties were visited.

It was at this point that events began to overtake John. He was forced to make his first concession in the immediate aftermath of the 1212 visitation, promising an investigation of the forest administration, with a view to curbing the worst excesses of the forest officials.<sup>42</sup> This was not, however, enough to satisfy John's opponents and grievances came to a head in 1215. The Unknown Charter, probably dating from spring 1215, stated that all land added to the royal forest by Henry II, Richard I and John should be deforested.<sup>43</sup> Magna Carta itself adopted a more conciliatory approach; land afforested by John was to be removed from the royal forest immediately, but the king was granted the crusader's respite with regard to the areas afforested by his father and brother. In 1217 there was a return to the original, more radical position, with the proviso that the afforestations of Henry II should only be reversed after investigation by 'good and law-worthy men'.<sup>44</sup> In all cases, however, there was no question of abolishing the forest altogether, or indeed of implementing substantial changes in practice; it was enough to reduce the physical area of the forest.

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<sup>40</sup> For these eyres, and the forest generally in John's reign, see particularly J.C. Holt, *The Northerners* (Oxford, 1961), pp. 157-63.

<sup>41</sup> The issue of the forest was broached in 1215, but in 1216 was among those questions temporarily left on one side because 'important yet doubtful' (cap. 42, Stubbs, p. 339).

<sup>42</sup> See *Memoriale fratris Walteri de Coventria*, ed. W. Stubbs, 2 vols. (Rolls ser., 1872-3), ii, 207 for the contemporary reaction to this measure.

<sup>43</sup> J.C. Holt, *Magna Carta*, 2nd edn. (Cambridge, 1992), p. 428.

<sup>44</sup> Caps. 1 and 3 (Stubbs, p. 345).

The minority of Henry III witnessed a struggle to implement the deforestations outlined in the Forest Charter. A perambulation ordered on 24 July 1218 was in large part an attempt to forestall those counties which had begun to make their own, unauthorised surveys. Once the perambulations had been completed the results were to be sent to the king for consideration. By 1219 it was clear that those results would prove completely unacceptable to the government. A number of the counties had exploited confusion over land newly afforested by Henry II and that reafforested after the reign of Stephen, and the ambiguity of the Charter on this point, to press for almost total deforestation. The decision was taken to authorise new perambulations, this time under the supervision of government appointees, but once again the results were largely rejected. As time went on there was a noticeable hardening of the government's position and in October 1224 Hugh de Neville was ordered by letter patent to maintain the royal forest as in the time of John.<sup>45</sup> This amounted to a complete repudiation of the Charter of the Forest, but when new perambulations were ordered in February 1225 the results were honoured, however temporarily, in return for taxation. When Henry attained his majority in 1227 he took the opportunity to repudiate many of the earlier findings, but some were allowed to stand and the area of the forest was permanently reduced.<sup>46</sup>

With the royal forest in a state of flux there was no question of fully exploiting the eyre. However, piecing together the information contained on the pipe, patent and close rolls a picture emerges of an attempt by the government to place the forest eyre on a pre-1215 footing. It was a slow process but, by 1229, considerable progress had been made. Henry III's minority saw two visitations, both of which were interrupted by the appointment of new justices of the forest. The first of these, conducted by Brian de Lisle, began in 1221

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<sup>45</sup> *PR*, 1216-25, 491.

<sup>46</sup> For a detailed discussion of the perambulations of the minority see Bazeley, pp. 146-53 and D.A. Carpenter, *The Minority of Henry III* (1990), pp. 89-90, 168-9, 180-1, 384-5.

and ended in 1224 when he was replaced by Hugh de Neville.<sup>47</sup> Thirteen counties were visited, ranging from Somerset to Yorkshire.

Some of the difficulties encountered by the justices in eyre are immediately apparent. Yorkshire provides a particularly good example of an administration struggling to impose some sort of order. The eyre was originally commissioned to be held on 24 May 1221, but three subsequent dates were put forward, the last of which, 30 May 1222, was almost exactly a year later.<sup>48</sup> There is no guarantee that pleas were heard even on this last occasion, but revenue derived from the forest in Yorkshire does appear on the 1223 pipe roll.<sup>49</sup> Under these circumstances it comes as no surprise that the potential of the eyre was not fully realised. Over £300 was levied in Yorkshire, but a mere £8 in the large forest county of Hampshire. In two counties for which commissions were issued, Gloucestershire and Oxfordshire, there is no sign of any judicial activity, with the pipe rolls recording only the customary annual proceeds of the forest.

That the visitation was never completed is apparent from the accounts for Dorset and Somerset. The 1225 pipe roll notes the proceeds of inquiries conducted by both Brian de Lisle and his successor Hugh de Neville, with the latter raising significantly more revenue. Hugh de Neville took over as chief justice of the forest in April 1224,<sup>50</sup> and marked his appointment with a new visitation. On this occasion only seven counties were visited over a period of four years and it again seems likely that proceedings were cut short.<sup>51</sup> In 1229 the forest counties were divided into two bailiwicks, under the supervision of Brian de Lisle and John de Monmouth respectively.<sup>52</sup> As might

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<sup>47</sup> Although revenue from the eyre in Dorset and Somerset is not recorded on the pipe rolls until 1225 (see below pp. 159-60).

<sup>48</sup> *RLC*, i, 475, 492, 516.

<sup>49</sup> E 372/67, Rot. 11 m. 2d. Payments were still trickling in seven years later.

<sup>50</sup> *PR*, 1216-25, 436. The names of all justices of the forest south of the Trent 1217-1800, together with the date of appointment where known, are additionally recorded in G.J. Turner, 'The justices of the forest south of Trent', *English Historical Review*, xviii (1903), 112-16.

<sup>51</sup> See Carpenter, *The Minority of Henry III*, p. 337.

<sup>52</sup> *PR*, 1225-32, 273.

be expected this redistribution of authority was followed by a new visitation, which took precedence over the old. The two visitations of the minority give every indication of an administration still feeling its way, but this was no longer the case in 1229. A total of sixteen counties were visited, and eyres were commissioned but not held in seven others. In some counties the sums assessed were still relatively small, for example only £20 15s in Herefordshire, but the eyre was beginning to show signs of its former financial importance. For example, a total of £498 2s 4d was assessed in Yorkshire, over ninety per cent of which reached the Exchequer in the first year.

Between 1232 and 1236 responsibility for all the forests in England was once again placed in the hands of a single chief justice. Peter des Riveaux held the post for two years but failed to hear forest pleas during this time.<sup>53</sup> His successor, John de Neville, began a visitation in March 1236 but, only seven months later, the decision was taken to replace him and return to the division of power first imposed in 1229. An immediate halt was called to proceedings, even though eyres had been held in only five counties. The next visitation, under the auspices of John Biset and Robert de Ros,<sup>54</sup> was planned in 1239 and, as was the case ten years earlier, sixteen counties were visited. Gilbert de Seagrave was then appointed chief justice of the forest,<sup>55</sup> but was not in office for long enough to make his mark. He presided over eyres in only two counties, Essex and Gloucestershire.<sup>56</sup>

The picture to date is one of gradual development and reconstruction, marred only by the failure of successive chief justices to remain in office for any length of time. Henry III had not yet found a means of exploiting the forest to its fullest extent, but the machinery was in place and further increases in revenue might be expected. The visitation that commenced in 1244, however,

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<sup>53</sup> Peter des Riveaux was appointed chief justice on 7 July 1232 and must have been dismissed in 1234 (*PR*, 1225-32, 273).

<sup>54</sup> The Northumberland eyre of 1240 was in fact held before Gilbert de Umfraville and his associates (E 101/534/4, m.1).

<sup>55</sup> *PR*, 1232-47, 288.

<sup>56</sup> These two eyres generated only £104 15s 10d and £74 7s ½d respectively.



not only eclipsed those that had taken place in the years after the minority, but also the most bitterly resented visitations of the twelfth and early thirteenth centuries. For the first time in Henry's reign the country was divided into two distinct circuits: Robert Passelewe headed teams of justices in twelve counties between 1244 and 1249, while Geoffrey de Langley visited eight counties over the following three years.<sup>57</sup> I think it is reasonable to speak in terms of a single visitation, if only because no county was visited twice. In addition, the revenue produced by both justices was quite unlike anything that had gone before or would be seen subsequently. Something of the contemporary reaction to the visitation, and the inquiry into encroachments in the forest which immediately preceded it, can be judged from Matthew Paris' ringing condemnation of the activities of Robert Passelewe in particular.<sup>58</sup> His description of men forced into destitution by the rigid application of the forest law may be an exaggeration, but the impact of the eyres must have been enormous.

With the final visitations of Henry's reign the eyre seems to have settled into something like the pattern of the twelfth century. In 1255-8, 1262-3 and 1269-72 the inquiries (in twelve, fourteen and twelve counties respectively) were held over a relatively short period of time and the levels of revenue assessed were fairly consistent with county size. The reign had begun with the future of the royal forest, in any recognisable form, uncertain. It ended with the eyre functioning much as it had done in the twelfth century and generating large sums for the Crown. The area of the forest had been reduced as a result of the perambulations of the early years, and by subsequent royal grants, but it remained substantially intact.<sup>59</sup> Opposition to the forest seemed, perhaps surprisingly in the light of the Passelewe visitation, to have become more

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<sup>57</sup> In a number of instances both Robert Passelewe and Geoffrey de Langley are named in the commissioning letters as justices in eyre for pleas of the forest. Where this happens I have attributed leadership of the eyre to the justice named in the pipe roll (see, for example, the eyres in Somerset and Dorset, Gloucestershire and Hampshire, below pp. 182, 189-90).

<sup>58</sup> *Chron. Maj.*, iv, 400-1, 427.

<sup>59</sup> See Bazeley, pp. 140-72.

mutated. The issue of the forest was raised in 1258<sup>60</sup> but was not accorded any real weight and no decisive action was taken to reduce the influence of the Crown in this sphere. It is all the more surprising, therefore, that by the late 1290s the question of the forest once more occupied men's minds.

The first eyre of Edward I's reign was commissioned five years after his accession to the throne, with Roger de Clifford heading a team of four justices in the county of Essex. There is no suggestion that this was planned as anything other than an isolated inquiry but there is a possibility that it was viewed as a test of the viability of the forest eyre, a notion reinforced by the fact that Essex was the only county for which two eyres were commissioned during the course of Edward's reign.

The pattern of the 1270s and early 1280s is one of the rather desultory enforcement of the forest law through the eyre. Roger de Clifford was commissioned to hear pleas of the forest in four counties, Berkshire, Hampshire, Wiltshire and Worcestershire, in 1280.<sup>61</sup> Strangely the pipe rolls show no evidence of judicial activity in Wiltshire and Worcestershire. The obvious conclusion is that eyres were commissioned but not held in the two latter counties and it is possible that this was the case in Wiltshire. There are, however, three surviving plea rolls relating to the Worcestershire eyre.<sup>62</sup> The same situation occurs with regard to the solitary Gloucestershire eyre of 1282.<sup>63</sup>

At this point all the indications were that the forest eyre, at least as originally envisaged, was in decline. However, as in the reign of Henry III, a period of

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<sup>60</sup> *Documents of the Baronial Movement of Reform and Rebellion 1258-1267*, ed. R.F. Treharne and I.J. Sanders (Oxford, 1973), pp. 80-1, (cap. 7).

<sup>61</sup> This was a small scale visitation, concentrated in one part of the country, and as such an ideal testing ground.

<sup>62</sup> I have examined all the subsequent pipe rolls of the reign for any evidence of the missing revenue, but can offer no explanation for the discrepancy.

<sup>63</sup> It should also be noted that the 1286 pipe roll records revenue derived from an eyre before Roger de Clifford in Lancashire. Receipts from the county were not recorded annually and it is likely that the visitation occurred earlier.

consolidation was followed by spectacular development. Forest eyres were held in eleven counties between 1285 and 1288 under the auspices of William de Vescy and Roger Lestrangle.<sup>64</sup> The two justices worked in tandem, with both, for example, hearing pleas in 1286 and 1287. Clearly the visitation of the mid 1280s did not approach the scale of the most swingeing twelfth-century visitations, but it was again significant in terms of the revenue assessed, ranging from £156 in Buckinghamshire to £1624 in Staffordshire.<sup>65</sup>

However, far from reinstating the royal forest as an important source of revenue it is likely that the very success of this visitation contributed to the eventual demise of the system. In moments of political strife opponents of the Crown turned to Magna Carta and the Charter of the Forest as a matter of course, demanding their confirmation and enforcement. The events of the 1290s in part reflect this, but the vehement opposition to the forest that surfaced can probably be explained primarily in terms of the most recently commissioned eyres.<sup>66</sup>

The 1290s saw one further eyre: Roger Lestrangle heard pleas of the forest in Essex in October 1292. The revenue assessed on this occasion amounted to £1465. The significance of this eyre is unclear but, as in 1277, it was probably not conceived originally as part of a more general visitation.<sup>67</sup> There is no indication at this stage that there was a conscious decision to abandon the eyre in the face of growing antagonism.

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<sup>64</sup> Lestrangle heard pleas of the forest in the counties of Buckinghamshire, Derbyshire, Huntingdonshire, Northamptonshire, Rutland and Staffordshire while William de Vescy headed teams of justices in Cumberland, Lancashire, Northumberland, Nottinghamshire and Yorkshire.

<sup>65</sup> It should be noted that the largest part of the Staffordshire total is derived from a single £1000 fine levied on Roger de Meulan, bishop of Coventry and Lichfield.

<sup>66</sup> Opposition to the forest might also be explained by the use of the eyre to investigate rights as part of the *Quo Warranto* proceedings. For the *Quo Warranto* proceedings of Edward I's reign see M. Prestwich, *Edward I* (1988), pp. 258-64.

<sup>67</sup> See above p. 21. The most likely explanation for this return to a more sporadic system of visiting forest counties lies in the fact that Essex was excluded from the visitation of the mid 1280s. An eyre was commissioned for 1289 but did not take place (CCR, 1279-88, 548).

The reign of Edward I seems to have marked the decisive moment in the development of the forest eyre. The events of the 1280s had proved that, if the will existed, the royal forest could still generate substantial income. The 1290s, however, saw a failure of will in the face of growing opposition. The first rumblings of discontent were heard in the mid 1290s as the financial strain of war with France began to be felt, but it was not until 1298 that the issue of the forest came to prominence. Perambulations had been ordered in October 1297 and the results were not only disregarded, but Edward declared himself unwilling to uphold the Charter of the Forest as it stood. He was soon, however, forced to retreat and further perambulations, resulting in widespread deforestation, were ordered in 1299 and 1300. This situation prevailed until 1306, when Edward obtained a papal bull allowing him to revoke all of the concessions that he had made with regard to the royal forest. Edward clearly felt strongly about the encroachment upon this area of the royal prerogative, but there was to be no return to the heyday of the forest eyre.<sup>68</sup>

The reign of Edward II can be dealt with more briefly. Only one eyre was commissioned, and then more than thirty-one years after the last. Once again Essex was singled out and revenue of £622 was assessed. The apparent concentration on Essex is probably not coincidental: it was the closest of the forest counties to the centre of government and, moreover, almost the entire county was covered by forest law.<sup>69</sup>

There was increased judicial activity under Edward III, but no concerted effort was made to re-establish the eyre as an integral part of the forest administration. In 1329 four counties, Berkshire, Hampshire, Surrey and Wiltshire, were visited by teams of justices headed by John Mautravers. The pipe rolls record no information related to the Surrey eyre, and the revenue assessed in the remaining three counties falls below what might be expected in light of the fact that pleas of the forest had not been heard in any of them

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<sup>68</sup> For information about the perambulations of Edward I's reign see Bazeley, pp. 157-9.

<sup>69</sup> The forest north of Stane Street was disafforested by John in 1204 (Bazeley, p. 148).

for fifty years.<sup>70</sup> Between 1334 and 1368 there is evidence for eight further eyres, but for only two of these is any revenue recorded on the pipe rolls.<sup>71</sup> More than half of these eyres took place in forests which were in fact in private hands.<sup>72</sup> The system of visitations which had underpinned the forest administration since the twelfth century had finally broken down. The intervals between eyres had increased during the reign of Edward I and any notion of a general forest eyre collapsed. Edward II's reign witnessed a stagnation and the eyre was never fully resuscitated. Under Edward III the eyre was to be replaced by more flexible special commissions, concentrating on particular forests.

### **The Financial Impact of the Eyre**

The royal forest is most often assessed in terms of the restrictions it imposed on those living within its bounds and there can be no doubt that these were indeed severe. In practice, however, there were few restrictions which could not be circumvented if one was prepared to pay. At the higher end of the scale this involved payment for complete exemption from the forest law,<sup>73</sup> but it might simply take the form of rental for an originally illegal assart. The royal forest may have been established in order to safeguard the hunting rights of the king, but this initial purpose was soon subordinated to the financial needs of the Crown.

### **Revenue from the Forest Eyre, 1166-1330<sup>74</sup>**

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<sup>70</sup> Forest eyres were held in Berkshire, Hampshire and Wiltshire as part of the 1280 visitation.

<sup>71</sup> Revenue of £266 17s 1d was assessed in Nottinghamshire (1334) and £511 8s in Hampshire and Wiltshire (1355).

<sup>72</sup> Eyres were held in Lancashire in 1334 and 1359 (DL 39/1/17 and E 32/56), Cheshire in 1347 and 1357 (DL 39/1/19, CHES 33/3 and CHES 33/6) and the forest of Pickering in Yorkshire in 1334.

<sup>73</sup> See above n. 38.

<sup>74</sup> The table presents total assessed revenue for visitations between 1166 and 1330 (isolated eyres have been excluded for the sake of clarity, as have the two truncated visitations of 1183 and 1280). The figures are taken from the pipe rolls. It should be noted that, while the great bulk of the assessed revenue for a visitation is found in the pipe rolls relating to the years in which the visitation took place, revenue can often be found in later pipe rolls. I have included such later revenue in the figures provided here. It is sometimes difficult in later pipe rolls to

<b>Visitation</b>	<b>Total Assessed Revenue</b>
<b>1166-8</b>	£1409 10s 1d
<b>1169-71</b>	£1965 15s 1d
<b>1173-6</b>	£1298 13s 10d
<b>1175-6</b>	£14603 25s 4d
<b>1177-8</b>	£ 1111 4s 9d
<b>1179-80</b>	£1224 5s 11d
<b>1184-6</b>	£2306 7s 6d
<b>1187-8</b>	£1797 10s 3d
<b>1189-90</b>	£549 2s 10d
<b>1198-9</b>	£2329 10s 11d
<b>1199-1202</b>	£1406 13s 8d
<b>1207-10</b>	£5641 18s 3d
<b>1212</b>	£5716 6s 10d
<b>1221-5</b>	£696 9s 10½d
<b>1224-8</b>	£300 1s 8d
<b>1229-32</b>	£2049 11s 5½d
<b>1236-8</b>	£616 12s 2d
<b>1239-44</b>	£1887 9s 4d
<b>1244-52</b>	£18214 6s 1½d
<b>1255-8</b>	£1808 8s 5¼d
<b>1262-3</b>	£2561 17s 3¼d
<b>1269-72</b>	£3566
<b>1285-8</b>	£6354 14s 6d
<b>1329-30</b>	£1425 8s 6½d

As outlined above,<sup>75</sup> the development of the forest eyre was far from smooth and this is reflected in its financial history. There was an initial period of consolidation, as procedure became established and formalised. For the first visitation of Henry II's reign total assessed revenue<sup>76</sup> amounted to £1409 10s 1d, a respectable enough figure. As might be expected the sums involved vary significantly from county to county, depending on the size of the forest area. For example, one would anticipate that Rutland would produce less revenue than, say, Hampshire. Indeed, leaving aside the £3 10s recorded in Cumberland the figures are all of the right order of magnitude. The two

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decide whether one has revenue from an old eyre or from a new one; in making that decision I have simply had to use my judgement.

<sup>75</sup> See above pp. 6-24.

<sup>76</sup> For an explanation of assessed rather than actual revenue see below p. 42.

succeeding visitations, in 1169-71 and 1173-6, produced assessed revenue of £1965 15s 1d and £1298 13s 10d respectively.

To this point progress had been unremarkable, but the 1175-6 visitation was to change that. In the course of this eyre revenue of £14603 15s 4d was assessed, a staggering sum. To put it into perspective, amercements levied in the single county of Hampshire amounted to more than those levied in the entire 1166 eyre. It would be another seventy years before anything approaching this total was reached.<sup>77</sup> The pipe rolls also reveal the speed with which the revenue reached the Exchequer: approximately one third of the fines and amercements were paid in the first year.

Perhaps inevitably this level of activity could not be sustained, and the next two visitations of Henry's reign saw a return to the earlier practice. In 1177-8 revenue of £1111 4s 9d was assessed, while the sum of £1224 5s 11d was due to be collected in 1179-80. There is, of course, no comparison between these two visitations and that of 1175-6, but their impact can only have been magnified by their proximity to it. There was no time for recovery: debts were still being paid off as the new amercements were levied. It is perhaps for this reason that four years elapsed before the next forest eyre was commissioned in 1184. Revenue of £2306 7s 6d was assessed in the course of this visitation, and a figure of £1797 10s 3d was reached three years later in 1187-8.

The two visitations which marked either end of Richard I's reign do not reveal any departure from the usual practice. In 1189-90 revenue of £549 2s 10d was assessed, while 1198-9 saw £2329 10s 11d. The relatively low figure in the former instance was almost certainly the result of uncertainty at the start of a new reign and revenue levels clearly recovered. The first visitation of John's reign in 1199-1202 fits into this general pattern, but was to be the last to do so for some time. The period from 1207 to 1212 was marked by a

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<sup>77</sup> The visitation begun in 1244 was similarly harsh (see below p. 27).

period of intense activity. In the four years from 1207 annual assessed revenue derived from non-customary forest sources amounted to approximately £1410,<sup>78</sup> and in 1212 the figure was £5716 6s 10d.<sup>79</sup>

The disruption of the final years of John's reign and the minority of Henry III took its toll on the exploitation of the royal forest, as in so many other spheres. In the five visitations from 1221 to 1239 levels of revenue assessed ranged from £2049 11s 5½d to a mere £300 1s 8d. The visitation of 1244-52, however, marked a new stage in the development of the forest eyre in the thirteenth century. At a time when many have assumed the eyre to be in decline, amercements totalling £18214 6s 1 ½d were assessed. It is difficult to calculate the rate at which this revenue reached the Exchequer, because of the time span involved, but conclusions can be reached for individual counties. In some, such as Buckinghamshire and Northumberland, almost all of the revenue assessed was collected in the first year. For many others the figure was about fifty per cent. For example, of the £1589 assessed in Nottinghamshire during the 1251 eyre, more than £700 was paid immediately. There were some counties, however, where the collection rate fell far below this. Of the £1415 assessed in Gloucestershire as a result of the 1247 eyre, a mere £80 reached the Exchequer in the first year. The reason for this discrepancy is apparent from the pipe rolls. In counties like Berkshire, the bulk of the revenue was made up of amercements levied on a handful of individuals, usually forest officials. In Berkshire itself John de Neville faced a payment of 2000 marks for waste and destruction of the forest. Similarly in Hampshire, Avicia de Columbers, keeper of the forest of Chute, owed 400 marks for her many transgressions. In other counties the sum outstanding after the first year was primarily made up of large amercements for offences against the venison. To take one example, in Yorkshire, there were five amercements of between 40 and 200 marks for which no payment was

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<sup>78</sup> This is an average figure, but the breakdown is as follows: £1027 16s 2d [1207]; £2972 4s 5½d [1208]; £331 15s 4d [1209]; £1310 2s 3 ½d [1210].

<sup>79</sup> This compares with a figure for total royal revenue in that year of £56500 (N. Barratt, 'The revenue of King John', *English Historical Review*, cxi (1996), 844.



received in the first year. Clearly there was little expectation that the money from these sources would be immediately forthcoming. In many cases the desired rates of repayment were noted on the pipe rolls. In Gloucestershire Richard de Staunton owed £150 for illegal exactions in the demesne woods. This sum was to be repaid in yearly instalments of 40 marks. There were many other arrangements of the same type. The impression given by the pipe rolls is that, on the whole, the larger amercements were not paid swiftly while most of the smaller amercements reached the Exchequer within at most two years. Certainly large sums were levied on corrupt forest officials and men of standing who hunted deer in the forest, but the eyre weighed particularly heavily on the ordinary men and women living within the forest bounds.

The eyre continued to function effectively for the remainder of Henry's reign, with £1808 8s 5¼d assessed in 1255-8, £2561 17s 3¼d in 1262-3 and £3566 in 1269-72, but this masked a terminal decline. The only truly general visitation of Edward I's reign in 1285-8 produced assessed revenue of £6354 14s 6d and was thus the third most lucrative eyre of the period under consideration, behind only the extraordinary visitations of 1175 and 1245. It was, however, the last of its kind, leaving aside the three counties in which pleas were heard in 1329.

It is perhaps surprising that the forest eyre persisted for as long as it did. The visitations of the thirteenth century indicate that the royal forest could still be used to generate formidable sums of money. However, by the reign of Edward I other sources of revenue were less contentious and, perhaps more importantly, less cumbersome. The king enjoyed a partial victory in 1306, but the decline of the eyre was already irreversible.

## **The Evidence**

The main purpose of my thesis is to verify the facts of the forest eyre. This involves establishing when and where the visitations were held, the identity of

the judges involved, the nature of the business of the eyre and finally the extent of the revenue generated. In order to obtain as complete a picture as possible it is necessary to make use of a number of different sources.

### **The Pipe Rolls**

The pipe rolls provide the earliest evidence for the forest eyre.<sup>80</sup> They show that an eyre has taken place, give the names of one or more of the justices involved<sup>81</sup> and indicate the financial proceeds. More detailed information is occasionally forthcoming; the rolls sometimes record the names of offenders and brief details of their offences. There are however problems involved in the use of the pipe rolls. The most obvious difficulty arises in those instances where two counties are treated as one for the purposes of the audit - normally because they were under a single sheriff - as with Buckinghamshire and Bedfordshire.<sup>82</sup> In such cases it is not always possible to ascertain solely from the pipe roll evidence whether an eyre has taken place in one or both counties. More significantly the pipe rolls give no indication as to the precise date of a particular forest eyre. This problem needs to be explained in more detail. A pipe roll, in part at least, recorded the audit of debts due to be paid to the Crown during a roughly Michaelmas to Michaelmas financial year.<sup>83</sup> The audit itself, conducted on a county by county basis, took a considerable amount of time, with the earliest county accounts being heard immediately after Michaelmas and the latest (in the thirteenth century) not until the following summer. Thus an account appearing on the 1198 pipe roll,<sup>84</sup> the roll covering the financial year Michaelmas 1197 to Michaelmas 1198, might have

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<sup>80</sup> Printed pipe rolls, published by the Pipe Roll Society, exist for the period 1154-1221, with the exception of the fifteenth year of John's reign.

<sup>81</sup> The 1175-6 visitation is an obvious exception to this.

<sup>82</sup> This was also the case for Dorset and Somerset and Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire.

<sup>83</sup> In what follows I have relied to some extent on an unpublished paper by D.A. Carpenter on the Exchequer year. The whole subject is immensely complex and I have only scraped its surface here. See also Carpenter, *The Minority of Henry III*, pp. 109-12.

<sup>84</sup> The Exchequer practice was to label pipe rolls by the regnal year. However, I have thought it more helpful throughout the thesis to identify them by the Christian year in which the accounts recorded began to be heard. I have cited printed rolls in the same fashion, for example *Pipe Roll 1198*. The roll for 1198 thus contains the accounts (for the financial year Michaelmas 1197-8) heard between Michaelmas 1198 and the following summer.

been heard at any time between Michaelmas 1198 and the summer of 1199. (It is not until the pipe roll of 1220 that we know precisely when the individual county accounts were heard since it is only from the November of that year that those dates were recorded on the memoranda rolls of the Exchequer).<sup>85</sup> When a forest eyre appears in a particular pipe roll, the most likely hypothesis is that it took place, give or take some fraying at either end, during the Michaelmas to Michaelmas financial year covered by the roll. That this was indeed normally the case is confirmed by a comparison between the dates of eyres, on the occasions they are definitely known in the thirteenth century through surviving plea rolls, with the pipe rolls on which those eyres first appear.

One cannot, however, lay this down as a general rule. There are a significant number of cases (again taking the thirteenth-century evidence) when an eyre took place not between the Michaelmas to Michaelmas covered by the roll but a year or more earlier, there having been some delay in the hearing of the accounts. There are also occasional examples where an eyre appears on a roll *earlier* than the one to which in theory it belonged. This was the consequence of the time taken to actually hear the county accounts. If an eyre for a county took place in January 1199, for example, its accounts should appear in the pipe roll for 1199 covering the year Michaelmas 1198 to Michaelmas 1199. *But*, let us suppose that the account for Michaelmas 1197 to Michaelmas 1198 was not heard until June 1199. In that case the Exchequer might decide for reasons of administrative convenience to audit the debts from the January 1199 eyre then as well.<sup>86</sup> The debts for the eyre will thus appear on the 1198 pipe roll (although it took place in January 1199), and not in the roll for 1199. This possibility means that the *terminus ad quem* for any eyre recorded in the pipe roll is not the concluding Michaelmas of its financial year, but the date when the actual county account was heard,

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<sup>85</sup> B.E. Harriss's introduction to *Pipe Roll 1220*, p. vi.

<sup>86</sup> That the Exchequer could audit money received up to the date of the county account was discovered by Drs. Harriss and Crook. See Harriss's introduction to *Pipe Roll 1219*, xii-xiii, xxiv-xxv and to *Pipe Roll 1220*, viii and Crook's introduction to *Pipe Roll 1221*, v-vi.

perhaps several months later. Once the dates for the county accounts are known from November 1220, it would thus be possible, by working through the memoranda rolls, to provide a *terminus ad quem* for all the forest eyres. Constraints of time, however, have meant that this exercise has not been attempted. In general one can conclude as follows: when a forest eyre appears in a particular pipe roll, and we have no other evidence for its date, then the likelihood is that it has taken place between the Michaelmas to Michaelmas covered by the roll. However, it may have taken place several years earlier. It may also have taken place later, that is between the concluding Michaelmas of the roll and the following summer.

### **The Chancery Rolls**

With the advent of the chancery rolls in John's reign it becomes easier to establish precise details as to the incidence and justices of the forest eyres. The patent and close rolls, which record the commissions issued to justices in eyre for forest pleas, are particularly valuable. They are not however a truly comprehensive source: for the later years of Henry III and the reigns of Edwards I-III it is unusual for a commission not to appear on the rolls, but this is not the case for the reign of John and the subsequent Minority. The patent and close rolls also provide a significant amount of incidental information, for example listing those who have been exempt from the common summons or pardoned for forest offences. The *liberate* rolls, which recorded royal letters dealing with the expenditure of money, are also a useful source for dating eyres and establishing the way in which revenue was utilised.<sup>87</sup> They are not, however, without problems. It is sometimes far from clear whether a particular eyre is merely planned, in progress or indeed completed. As a general rule, I have assumed that an eyre referred to as 'last', for example 'the last eyre in the county of Wiltshire', has been completed. Finally the charter rolls are of value, particularly when they record charters of deforestation. These may explain why eyres cease to be heard in particular counties.

## Plea Rolls and Related Documents

Although the above-mentioned sources are invaluable they are, of course, no substitute for the plea rolls generated by the forest eyre. The earliest extant plea roll, by which I mean the roll prepared at the time of the eyre by the judges to record their pleas and related business, dates from 1209.<sup>88</sup> The next plea roll, a fragment only, probably dates from 1246, that is nearly forty years later.<sup>89</sup> Hereafter the survival rate improves, although it is still not possible to build up a comprehensive picture of judicial activity on the basis of the plea rolls alone.<sup>90</sup> In total there are sixty-two surviving plea rolls and seven fragments of what are probably plea rolls. In addition records of the eyre sometimes survive in the form of what are clearly later copies of the original rolls. In the catalogue I have called these copy rolls. There are fifteen such rolls extant. These copy rolls, judging from the hands in which they were written and their contents, were primarily compiled in the second half of the thirteenth or first half of the fourteenth century. Their purpose was probably to provide the judges of a current eyre with information about previous proceedings. Thus the judges of the Northamptonshire eyre of 1348 had copies of the rolls from the two previous eyres in that county.<sup>91</sup> Likewise the judges of the Hampshire eyre of 1330 were provided with the rolls of the two previous eyres<sup>92</sup> and those of Nottinghamshire in 1334 with the rolls of the last eyre.<sup>93</sup> Perhaps in fact these judges too received copies. Sometimes these copy rolls simply duplicate existing original eyre rolls, but sometimes they provide our only evidence for the proceedings, the original eyre roll having been lost. It should be noted, however, that copy rolls often edit and summarise information and do not necessarily provide a complete transcript

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<sup>87</sup> The *liberate* rolls are printed for the period 1226-72 but, due to constraints of time, I have not examined the unprinted *liberate* rolls thereafter.

<sup>88</sup> E 32/62 (Northamptonshire).

<sup>89</sup> The fragment in question is E 32/348, which seems to date from the Wiltshire eyre of 1246 (see below pp. 187-8).

<sup>90</sup> For example, there are no surviving plea rolls for Yorkshire, an important forest county.

<sup>91</sup> See below p. 339.

<sup>92</sup> CCR, 1330-3, 31.

of the original eyre roll. There is a further complication: sometimes copy rolls, together with other forest material, were brought together and amalgamated in modern times in the Public Record Office for reasons of archival convenience. They were stitched together to form single 'omnibus' rolls, containing pleas and other material of diverse dates and from diverse counties. There is one obvious roll of this type, namely E 32/249, which I have distinguished throughout the catalogue from the other copy rolls by an asterisk (i.e. COPY ROLL\*).<sup>94</sup> The figures in square brackets indicate the number of membranes of a more general estreat roll which apply to the particular forest county.

### Records of the Thirteenth-Century Eyre

County	Reference	Type of Roll	Date of the eyre	Membranes
Shropshire	E 32/143	Estreat Roll	1180	2
Northamptonshire	E 32/62	Plea Roll	1209	3
Northamptonshire	E 32/249	Copy*	1209	30
Huntingdonshire	E 32/37	Copy	1209	7
Rutland	E 32/249	Copy*	1209	30
Shropshire	E 32/144	Copy	1209	4
Northamptonshire	E 101/681/1	Estreat Roll	1221	1
Oxfordshire	E 137/37/1	Estreat Roll	1236	[1]
Northamptonshire	E 101/533/23	Estreat Roll	1240	5
Northumberland	E 101/534/4	Estreat Roll	1240	3
Oxfordshire	E 101/119/1	Estreat Roll	1241	2
Oxfordshire	E 137/37/1	Estreat Roll	1245	[1]
Wiltshire	E 32/348	Fragment	1246	2
Rutland	E 389/97	Estreat Roll	1249	14
Shropshire	E 101/533/16	Estreat Roll	1249	17
Derbyshire	DL 39/1/3	Plea Roll	1250	24
Huntingdonshire	E 32/41	Plea Roll	1255	6
Huntingdonshire	E 32/37	Copy	1255	7
Northamptonshire	E 32/68	Plea Roll	1255	8
Northamptonshire	E 32/70	Plea Roll	1255	8
Northamptonshire	E 32/249	Copy*	1255	30
Buckinghamshire	E 32/2	Plea Roll	1255	11
Oxfordshire	E 32/251	Plea Roll	1256	8

<sup>93</sup> CPR, 1330-4, 519.

<sup>94</sup> For a full description of E 32/249 see below pp. 130-5.

<b>Rutland</b>	<b>E 32/139</b>	<b>Plea Roll</b>	<b>1256</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Rutland</b>	<b>E 32/249</b>	<b>Copy*</b>	<b>1256</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Hampshire</b>	<b>E 32/156</b>	<b>Plea Roll</b>	<b>1257</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Dorset</b>	<b>E 32/10</b>	<b>Plea Roll</b>	<b>1257</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Somerset</b>	<b>E 32/152</b>	<b>Plea Roll</b>	<b>1257</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Wiltshire</b>	<b>E 32/198</b>	<b>Plea Roll</b>	<b>1257</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Wiltshire</b>	<b>E 32/202</b>	<b>Fragment</b>	<b>1257</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Gloucestershire</b>	<b>E 32/28</b>	<b>Plea Roll</b>	<b>1258</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Staffordshire</b>	<b>E 32/187</b>	<b>Plea Roll</b>	<b>1262</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Staffordshire</b>	<b>E 32/183</b>	<b>Copy</b>	<b>1262</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Staffordshire</b>	<b>E 32/250B</b>	<b>Copy</b>	<b>1262</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Shropshire</b>	<b>E 32/145</b>	<b>Plea Roll</b>	<b>1262</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Shropshire</b>	<b>E 32/250B</b>	<b>Copy</b>	<b>1262</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Worcestershire</b>	<b>E 32/227</b>	<b>Plea Roll</b>	<b>1262</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Worcestershire</b>	<b>E 32/228</b>	<b>Copy</b>	<b>1262</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Worcestershire</b>	<b>E 32/250B</b>	<b>Copy</b>	<b>1262</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Essex</b>	<b>E 146/1/20</b>	<b>Estreat Roll</b>	<b>1263</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Wiltshire</b>	<b>E 32/199</b>	<b>Plea Roll</b>	<b>1263</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Rutland</b>	<b>E 32/140</b>	<b>Plea Roll</b>	<b>1269</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Hampshire</b>	<b>E 32/158</b>	<b>Plea Roll</b>	<b>1269</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Dorset</b>	<b>E 32/11</b>	<b>Plea Roll</b>	<b>1269</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Wiltshire</b>	<b>E 32/200</b>	<b>Plea Roll</b>	<b>1270</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Wiltshire</b>	<b>E 32/201</b>	<b>Plea Roll</b>	<b>1270</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Somerset</b>	<b>E 32/153</b>	<b>Plea Roll</b>	<b>1270</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Somerset</b>	<b>E 101/119/2</b>	<b>Estreat Roll</b>	<b>1270</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Surrey</b>	<b>E 32/194</b>	<b>Plea Roll</b>	<b>1270</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Gloucestershire</b>	<b>E 32/29</b>	<b>Plea Roll</b>	<b>1270</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Worcestershire</b>	<b>E 32/229</b>	<b>Plea Roll</b>	<b>1270</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Worcestershire</b>	<b>E 32/228</b>	<b>Copy</b>	<b>1270</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Staffordshire</b>	<b>E 32/184</b>	<b>Plea Roll</b>	<b>1271</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Staffordshire</b>	<b>E 32/185</b>	<b>Plea Roll</b>	<b>1271</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Staffordshire</b>	<b>E 32/186</b>	<b>Copy</b>	<b>1271</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Shropshire</b>	<b>E 32/147</b>	<b>Plea Roll</b>	<b>1271</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Shropshire</b>	<b>E 32/146</b>	<b>Copy</b>	<b>1271</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Herefordshire</b>	<b>E 32/35</b>	<b>Plea Roll</b>	<b>1271</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Herefordshire</b>	<b>E 32/36</b>	<b>Fragment</b>	<b>1271</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Oxfordshire</b>	<b>E 32/137</b>	<b>Plea Roll</b>	<b>1272</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Northamptonshire</b>	<b>E 32/72</b>	<b>Plea Roll</b>	<b>1272</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Essex</b>	<b>E 32/12</b>	<b>Plea Roll</b>	<b>1277</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Hampshire</b>	<b>E 32/161</b>	<b>Plea Roll</b>	<b>1280</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Worcestershire</b>	<b>E 32/231</b>	<b>Plea Roll</b>	<b>1280</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Worcestershire</b>	<b>E 32/232</b>	<b>Plea Roll</b>	<b>1280</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Worcestershire</b>	<b>E 32/233</b>	<b>Copy</b>	<b>1280</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Gloucestershire</b>	<b>E 32/30</b>	<b>Plea Roll</b>	<b>1282</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Derbyshire</b>	<b>DL 39/1/5</b>	<b>Plea Roll</b>	<b>1285</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Derbyshire</b>	<b>DL 39/1/6</b>	<b>Copy</b>	<b>1285</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Derbyshire</b>	<b>DL 39/1/11</b>	<b>Copy</b>	<b>1285</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Derbyshire</b>	<b>E 146/1/15</b>	<b>Estreat Roll</b>	<b>1285</b>	<b>12</b>

<b>Cumberland</b>	<b>E 32/5</b>	<b>Plea Roll</b>	<b>1285</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Huntingdonshire</b>	<b>E 32/43</b>	<b>Fragment</b>	<b>1286</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Staffordshire</b>	<b>E 32/188</b>	<b>Plea Roll</b>	<b>1286</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Staffordshire</b>	<b>E 32/189</b>	<b>Copy</b>	<b>1286</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Northumberland</b>	<b>E 32/125</b>	<b>Plea Roll</b>	<b>1286</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Huntingdonshire</b>	<b>E 32/44</b>	<b>Plea Roll</b>	<b>1286</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Huntingdonshire</b>	<b>E 32/45</b>	<b>Plea Roll</b>	<b>1286</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Huntingdonshire</b>	<b>E 32/46</b>	<b>Plea Roll</b>	<b>1286</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Huntingdonshire</b>	<b>E 32/47</b>	<b>Fragment</b>	<b>1286</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Huntingdonshire</b>	<b>E 32/43</b>	<b>Fragment</b>	<b>1286</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Northamptonshire</b>	<b>E 32/76</b>	<b>Plea Roll</b>	<b>1286</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Northamptonshire</b>	<b>E 32/77</b>	<b>Copy</b>	<b>1286</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Northamptonshire</b>	<b>E 32/75</b>	<b>Plea Roll</b>	<b>1286</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Nottinghamshire</b>	<b>E 32/127</b>	<b>Plea Roll</b>	<b>1287</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Lancashire</b>	<b>DL 39/1/7</b>	<b>Plea Roll</b>	<b>1287</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Rutland</b>	<b>E 101/119/19</b>	<b>Estreat Roll</b>	<b>1288</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Essex</b>	<b>E 32/14</b>	<b>Plea Roll</b>	<b>1292</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Essex</b>	<b>E 32/13</b>	<b>Plea Roll</b>	<b>1292</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Essex</b>	<b>E 32/16</b>	<b>Plea Roll</b>	<b>1324</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>Berkshire</b>	<b>E 137/2/1</b>	<b>Estreat Roll</b>	<b>1329</b>	<b>[5]</b>
<b>Wiltshire</b>	<b>E 32/207</b>	<b>Plea Roll</b>	<b>1330</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Wiltshire</b>	<b>E 32/226</b>	<b>Amercement Roll</b>	<b>1330</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Wiltshire</b>	<b>E 32/280</b>	<b>Amercement Roll</b>	<b>1330</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Hampshire</b>	<b>E 32/164</b>	<b>Plea Roll</b>	<b>1330</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Hampshire</b>	<b>E 32/163</b>	<b>Copy</b>	<b>1330</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Nottinghamshire</b>	<b>E 32/132</b>	<b>Plea Roll</b>	<b>1334</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Lancashire</b>	<b>DL 39/1/17</b>	<b>Plea Roll</b>	<b>1334</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Lancashire</b>	<b>E 32/52</b>	<b>Fragment</b>	<b>1334</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Cheshire</b>	<b>DL 39/1/19</b>	<b>Plea Roll</b>	<b>1347</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Cheshire</b>	<b>CHES 33/3</b>	<b>Copy</b>	<b>1347</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Northamptonshire</b>	<b>E 32/112</b>	<b>Plea Roll</b>	<b>1348</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Northamptonshire</b>	<b>E 32/113</b>	<b>Plea Roll</b>	<b>1348</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Northamptonshire</b>	<b>E 32/111</b>	<b>Fragment</b>	<b>1348</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Northamptonshire</b>	<b>E 32/266</b>	<b>Estreat Roll</b>	<b>1348</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Northamptonshire</b>	<b>E 32/120</b>	<b>Charter Roll</b>	<b>1348</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Hampshire &amp; Wiltshire</b>	<b>E 32/267</b>	<b>Plea Roll</b>	<b>1355</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Hampshire &amp; Wiltshire</b>	<b>E 32/268</b>	<b>Plea Roll</b>	<b>1355</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Cheshire</b>	<b>CHES 33/6</b>	<b>Plea Roll</b>	<b>1357</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>Lancashire</b>	<b>E 32/56</b>	<b>Plea Roll</b>	<b>1359</b>	<b>10</b>

There is considerable variation between the extant plea rolls, even with regard to size. The shortest rolls are a mere three membranes,<sup>95</sup> while the longest stretches to fifty-five.<sup>96</sup> In general terms there is a tendency for the

<sup>95</sup> E 32/62 (Northamptonshire); E 32/139 (Rutland) and E 32/227 (Worcestershire).

<sup>96</sup> E32/16 (Essex).



rolls to increase in length during the period in question. This does not reflect greater judicial activity, indeed quite the reverse. As forest eyres became more infrequent the amount of information that had to be processed in the course of a single visitation increased.

The paucity of material dating from the reign of John makes it impossible to generalise about the format of the plea rolls during the late twelfth and early thirteenth centuries.<sup>97</sup> However, a clear pattern emerges for the reign of Henry III. The order varies from county to county and visitation to visitation but the elements are substantially the same. The majority of the rolls give lists of those appearing before the justices, together with those who did not attend, whether through illness, absence in the service of the king or some other legitimate reason. These are referred to in the catalogue as appearances and essoins. Many also list amercements for defaults, principally payments levied on individuals for the illegitimate failure to attend proceedings or on townships for failing to attend inquisitions with full powers.

The main body of the roll is concerned with providing information as to offences against the vert and venison. Pleas of the vert are normally brief and formulaic, with the emphasis on the listing of financial payments. Pleas of venison on the other hand are often extremely detailed, but amercements are not usually listed.<sup>98</sup> The rolls also provide information relating to the regard, the presentment of woodwards,<sup>99</sup> the agistment, grants of deer by the king and the legal sale of wood. Frequently charters concerned with grants of land or privilege in the forest are enrolled.

Later plea rolls largely follow the same format, but there are slight differences in emphasis. The *Quo Warranto* proceedings of Edward I's reign are reflected

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<sup>97</sup> Most of the material that survives does so in the form of later, and much abbreviated, copies.

<sup>98</sup> Amercements for offences against the venison are recorded on only five occasions: E 32/2 (Buckinghamshire, 1255 eyre); E 32/68 and E 32/70 (Northamptonshire, 1255 eyre); E 32/251 (Oxfordshire, 1256 eyre); and E 32/139 (Rutland, 1256 eyre).

<sup>99</sup> Woodwards were foresters responsible for private woods within the royal forest.

in the forest eyre rolls. The Essex eyre of 1292 is a good example.<sup>100</sup> Two whole membranes are devoted to listing private woods and groves within the forest of Essex and a total of ninety-two charters are enrolled. In addition there is an extensive investigation into the claims and rights of forest officials, and other claims to liberties and warrens.<sup>101</sup> Most of these later plea rolls also contain more extensive information relating to the regard than those produced during the reign of Henry III. This is connected in part to the stricter investigation of claims, but is also a consequence of the decreasing frequency of the visitations. It is for the same reason that the plea rolls from the reign of Edward I onwards offer less detailed information, particularly with regard to pleas of venison. The facts of a particular offence faded in the memory as time passed, and it was often the case that those involved had died in the intervening years.

In addition to the plea rolls and their copies, there is a substantial body of documentation generated by the forest eyre at both central and local level. Where this material can easily be assigned to a particular eyre it is described in the main catalogue. This is the case, for example, with the surviving estreat rolls,<sup>102</sup> which detail revenue assessed in the course of the eyre and were then sent to the Exchequer so that it could order the sheriff to levy the resulting debts. This is also true of the handful of amercement and charter rolls which exist (presumably copies or extracts from the plea rolls). The catalogue does not, however, include many of the documents subsidiary to the eyre which are listed in the P.R.O. class E 32.<sup>103</sup> The majority of these documents are records of the local administration which underpinned the eyre system, primarily the regard and the attachment courts. There is also a miscellaneous group of records detailing gifts of wood and venison, claims to liberties and so on. This material has been excluded from the thesis for three main reasons. The first is simply the constraint of time. The second is the

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<sup>100</sup> E 32/14.

<sup>101</sup> *Ibid.*, mm. 31-32d and 34-41d.

<sup>102</sup> There are fifteen such rolls.

<sup>103</sup> There are more than one hundred such documents.

obvious difficulty of associating the subsidiary records with a particular eyre. Not all of the rolls have a definite date, and even where they do it cannot simply be assumed that they are attached to the nearest eyre. Finally, if these documents are truly subsidiary to the eyre, there is arguably no need to reproduce them in the catalogue: the information they contain will appear, in a more or less abbreviated form, in the surviving plea rolls. There is no doubt that the catalogue would have been fuller for the inclusion of such material and it is my hope that this work, which will shed much light on the proceedings of the local forest courts, will eventually be undertaken.

#### **Ancient Correspondence, Chronicles and other Literary Sources**

There is much important background information to be derived from the letters contained in the class of the ancient correspondence in the P.R.O. (SC 1) and the chronicles which cover the period. Both sources can help to date individual forest eyres, but they are more useful in building up a complete picture of events. It is from the ancient correspondence, for example, that we learn of the amercements improperly levied on the men of London in the course of the 1246 Essex eyre.<sup>104</sup> The chronicles likewise can be of importance in dating eyres. With other literary sources they are also particularly instructive as a guide to contemporary opinion and attitudes. Even a cursory reading reveals an extraordinary level of hostility, of which the following is a typical example:

The worst abuse in the kingdom of England, under which the countryfolk groaned, was the tyranny of the foresters. For them violence took the place of law, extortion was praiseworthy, justice was an abomination and innocence a crime<sup>105</sup>

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<sup>104</sup> SC 1/4, no. 132 and see below p. 186.

<sup>105</sup> *Magna Vita Sancti Hugonis*, ed. D.L. Douie and H. Farmer, 2 vols. (1961-2), i, p. 114.

This was clearly an exaggeration, but equally clearly the author was not alone in his opinions.

## State of Printing

Turner's *Select Pleas of the Forest* remains the best printed source for forest records. Sections of plea rolls for the counties of Huntingdonshire (1255), Northamptonshire (1209, 1255 and 1272), Nottinghamshire (1287 and 1334), Rutland (1209 and 1269), Shropshire (1209), Somerset (1257 and 1270) and Surrey (1270) are transcribed and translated.<sup>106</sup> Turner is primarily concerned to list offences against the venison, but other miscellaneous information is included. Stagg, in his *New Forest Documents*, provides calendars of three Hampshire plea rolls, dating from 1257, 1280 and 1330 respectively.<sup>107</sup> In the catalogue I have indicated those rolls which have been printed in some form and highlighted instances where I have interpreted the records differently.

The Turner and Stagg volumes are the most informative extant guides to the primary sources, but there are other publications which provide useful detail. In an article produced for the William Salt Archaeological Society<sup>108</sup> George Wrottesley translated large sections of the Staffordshire plea rolls for 1262, 1271 and 1286.<sup>109</sup> Similarly Turton's *The Honor and Forest of Pickering* reproduces numerous records relating to the forest contained in the Coucher Book, among them a plea roll of the 1334 Pickering forest eyre.<sup>110</sup> *The Sherwood Forest Book* summarises the contents of the Nottinghamshire

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<sup>106</sup> Huntingdonshire (E 32/41), Northamptonshire (E 32/62, E 32/68 and E 32/72), Nottinghamshire (E 32/127 and E 32/132), Rutland (E 32/249 and E 32/140), Shropshire (E 32/144), Somerset (E 32/152 and E 32/153) and Surrey (E 32/194).

<sup>107</sup> *New Forest Documents A.D. 1244-A.D. 1334*, ed. D.J. Stagg (Hampshire County Council, 1979) deals with E 32/156, E 32/161 and E 32/163.

<sup>108</sup> G. Wrottesley, 'Pleas of the forest, Staffordshire', *William Salt Archaeological Society, Collections V*, pt. i (1884), pp. 123-80.

<sup>109</sup> E 32/183, E 32/184 and E 32/188.

<sup>110</sup> R.B. Turton, *The Honor and Forest of Pickering* (The North Riding Record Society, new ser., 4 vols., 1894-7).

forest plea rolls for 1287 and 1334,<sup>111</sup> while sections of the Somerset plea rolls for 1257 and 1270 are translated by MacDermot in his *History of the Forest of Exmoor*.<sup>112</sup> Finally, while there is considerable variation in the standard and detail of the *Victoria County History* chapters concerning the forest, a number of volumes provide brief summaries of the information contained on forest plea rolls.

## Secondary Sources

Apart from the general works on the royal forest already mentioned<sup>113</sup> there is much valuable information to be derived from books and articles concerned more narrowly with a particular forest or geographical area. The most obvious point of reference is the *Victoria County History*. As I have mentioned above, the standard of the chapters on 'Forestry' varies from county to county, but all contain useful material, particularly with regard to the extent of the forest over time. Local history society publications, too, are an important source, with Nottinghamshire and Gloucestershire particularly well-served. These are cited in the bibliography, and the catalogue where relevant.

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<sup>111</sup> *The Sherwood Forest Book*, ed. H.E. Boulton (Thoroton Soc., record ser., xxiii, 1965) deals with E 32/127 and E 32/132.

<sup>112</sup> E.T. MacDermot, *A History of the Forest of Exmoor* (1911) deals with E 32/152 and E 32/153.

<sup>113</sup> See above p. 6 n. 1

## Methodology

### Dating the Eyres

My first task was to establish the dates of the forest eyres. Where the date is derived simply from the pipe roll, the eyre is placed under the date of that pipe roll, the roll itself (as explained earlier) being dated according to the year in which the accounts it records began to be heard. Again as noted earlier, the probability is that the eyre took place within the Michaelmas to Michaelmas financial year covered by the roll, but it may possibly have taken place either earlier or up to some months later.<sup>114</sup> This should be constantly borne in mind when using the catalogue, especially when the date of an eyre derives solely from the pipe rolls. For example, the catalogue begins 'Devon eyre 1166'. 1166 here is not intended to indicate a precise calendar year date for the eyre. It probably took place between Michaelmas 1165 and Michaelmas 1166, but may have taken place before Michaelmas 1165 or (a few months) after Michaelmas 1166. This method of dating is used primarily for the eyres of the twelfth and early thirteenth centuries where no other evidence is available. A more precise date can be drawn from the patent and close rolls, although again a note of caution should be sounded. Arrangements could and did change, and in cases where there were repeated postponements I have settled for the date given in the original commission.<sup>115</sup> It is conceivable that such alterations were not always noted in the chancery rolls and some eyres may therefore have taken place at a later date than the one indicated. In addition, unless there is corresponding pipe roll evidence, the existence of a commissioning letter should not be taken as proof that an eyre was in fact held.<sup>116</sup> The *liberate* rolls and chronicles can be used to refine dating,<sup>117</sup> but the most reliable source remains the plea rolls which usually explicitly state the date of the eyre.

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<sup>114</sup> See above pp. 29-31.

<sup>115</sup> This is a particular problem for the eyres of the 1220s. It is clear from the close rolls that postponements occurred, but there are no eyre rolls to provide an eventual date.

<sup>116</sup> For chancery rolls see above p. 31.

## Justices

Having discovered when the eyres were held, the next step was to establish who presided over them. The name of the senior justice for each eyre can almost always be gleaned from the pipe rolls,<sup>118</sup> and information is often provided about his colleagues, particularly in the twelfth century. The names of the justices can also be obtained from the letters commissioning the eyre, where these survive on the chancery rolls. However, one should be aware that justices were sometimes replaced and where there is evidence of this happening it is noted. Finally the names of the justices are usually recorded on the surviving plea rolls. In the catalogue I indicate where the names of the justices have been obtained from the pipe roll. If no indication is given as to where they have come from then they have been obtained from the plea roll, where it exists, or from the letters of commission cited.

## Revenue

My next task was to calculate the income derived from the forest in the course of these visitations. I decided very early on to concentrate on assessed rather than actual revenue. It frequently took decades for debts to be discharged, and to follow up all such payments would have been prohibitively time consuming, particularly where there are no printed pipe rolls. Thus all the figures produced in the main body of the thesis relate to the revenue that the Crown would have received if all fines and amercements had been paid in full. I also decided to exclude money derived from what might be termed regular payments, primarily pannage and herbage. While such payments often form a significant part of the revenue of a particular eyre, they are also recorded in years where no eyres took place. It is interesting to note that in some cases where an eyre is indicated on the pipe rolls, the only recorded

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<sup>117</sup> See above p. 31.

<sup>118</sup> The 1175-6 visitation is again a notable exception.

revenue is derived from payments for pannage.<sup>119</sup> In these instances it seems likely that no eyre in fact took place.

The main difficulty in using the pipe rolls, both printed and unprinted, to calculate revenue is to decide how much information to include. The rolls provide very little detail as to the nature of the offences recorded, and it is not always easy to decide where forest entries end and others begin. In general I have erred on the side of caution, and ignored entries where there is a substantial element of doubt. For example, I have excluded payments relating to the forest which appear under the heading *Nova Oblata* unless they are specifically linked to an eyre. While I am confident that the sums arrived at are tolerably accurate, it is impossible to state categorically that no information has been wrongly included and there are bound to be some mistakes.

There are further problems encountered on the pipe rolls from the reign of Henry III onwards. The first is the failure of certain counties to account each financial year. This is a particular difficulty with regard to Lancashire, Cumberland, Northumberland and Rutland, but it also sporadically affects counties such as Shropshire and Staffordshire. It can lead to delays of years between an eyre taking place and the revenue appearing on the pipe rolls.<sup>120</sup> Perhaps more significant is a change in accounting procedure. In the twelfth century the entire assessed revenue from a forest eyre is usually recorded on only two or three pipe rolls. In the course of Henry III's reign this practice is altered, probably to reduce the amount of space taken up on the roll. As a general rule an amercement is only recorded when it is paid, whether in part or in total, and not when it is assessed. The procedure can best be understood by examining one of the few estreat rolls which survive. The

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<sup>119</sup> This is the case for Gloucestershire 1221 (*Pipe Roll* 1221, 238) and Oxfordshire 1222 (E 372/66, Rot. 6 m. 2).

<sup>120</sup> For example, revenue from the Staffordshire eyre of 1271 (E 32/184) first appears on the 1280 pipe roll (E 372/124).



estreat roll for the Northamptonshire eyre of 1240<sup>121</sup> lists fines and amercements, each of which is marked in the margin with a symbol. The payments recorded on the first pipe roll are marked with the letter 't' and those recorded on the second pipe roll with the letters 'td'. Thereafter a point is added for each year. The pipe rolls themselves echo this notation. The payments are thus spread out over a number of years and it is necessary to check the pipe rolls long after the eyre has taken place in order to establish total revenue.<sup>122</sup>

A further change is noticeable during the reign of Edward I. Individual fines and amercements from long past eyres begin to appear under the heading *Nova Oblata*. Revenue from Robert Passelewe's eyre in Somerset and Dorset, for example, first appears in the pipe roll for 33 Henry III (1249).<sup>123</sup> Two further pipe rolls from the reign of Henry III detail additional revenue.<sup>124</sup> Then no fewer than five pipe rolls from the reign of Edward I note previously unrecorded payments derived from this eyre.<sup>125</sup> The final recorded payment thus appears fifty-six years after the first.<sup>126</sup> It would seem that this development coincided with a period of Exchequer reform, which saw a concerted effort to call in unpaid debts.<sup>127</sup>

## The Catalogue

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<sup>121</sup> E 101/533/23.

<sup>122</sup> For further information see C.A.F. Meekings, 'The pipe roll order of 12 February 1270', in *Studies Presented to Sir Hilary Jenkinson*, ed. J. Conway Davies (1957), pp. 222-53, reprinted in C.A.F. Meekings, *Studies in Thirteenth Century Justice and Administration* (1981).

<sup>123</sup> E 372/93, Rot. 6 m. 2d.

<sup>124</sup> E 372/96, Rot. 9 m. 1d; E 372/97, Rot. 18 m. 1d.

<sup>125</sup> E 372/121, Rot. 3 m. 2d; E 372/128, Rot. 19 m. 2d; E 372/136, Rot. 12 m. 2d; E 372/137, Rot. 15 m. 2d; E 372/160, Rot. 8 m. 1d.

<sup>126</sup> While this is an extreme example, it illustrates the importance of checking the pipe rolls for revenue long after a particular eyre has taken place. I have been through the pipe rolls for the whole period covered by the thesis and I hope I have caught all cases where significant amounts of revenue appear on later rolls. One should be aware therefore that figures for assessed revenue may sometimes include amounts from later rolls, although the great bulk of the revenue is usually found in the rolls relating to the eyars in which the eyres took place.

<sup>127</sup> See Prestwich, pp. 241-2.

I have attempted to correlate the information from these disparate sources in the catalogue which forms the major part of my thesis. The information is arranged chronologically in order to reflect the development, and subsequent decline, of the eyre. I have, however, appended a brief county by county list of the eyres, which should be of use to local historians wishing to concentrate on a particular region. Where possible, I have grouped the forest eyres into visitations. While in some cases the discrete visitations are apparent, there is often a degree of overlap. This is a particular problem during the latter part of John's reign and the early years of Henry III, when procedure was complicated by repeated perambulations, and forest eyres were frequently postponed. Within each visitation the eyres are arranged chronologically where there is evidence of chronology and alphabetically where there is not. Thus, for example, if a full date was available for a Yorkshire eyre it would appear above an undated entry for Berkshire.

Each entry in the catalogue takes a standard form. The county name is followed by a best estimate of the date and, where the information is available, the place where the justices heard pleas.<sup>128</sup> In addition to such information I have included details of any further material relating to the eyre. This might include exemptions from the common summons, pardons, arrangements for the remuneration of justices and so on. Where plea rolls exist, I have provided a detailed description of the information they contain. Rather than telescope information relating to, for example, pleas of venison, I have listed the entries on each membrane.<sup>129</sup> This offers the reader some insight into the nature of the information recorded. One membrane might contain only two entries while another lists ten; clearly more detail is provided

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<sup>128</sup> Where a specific date is given for an eyre in the catalogue it is always derived from the plea roll where available and where not available from the letters of commission. The date in question is usually the date on which the eyre commenced. I have also indicated where additional information about the date of an eyre can be derived from the *liberate* rolls and from chronicles (for a further discussion of the dating of the eyres see above p. 41). Information as to the place where an eyre is held is similarly derived from plea rolls in the first instance and then letters of commission.

<sup>129</sup> Where there is a discrepancy between the old and new numbering of plea roll membranes, the newer pencil notation has been preferred (see below p. 130).

in the first instance.<sup>130</sup> The description of the few surviving estreat rolls follows the same pattern. Finally, I have included material relating to the financial yield of the eyres, with some information as to the nature of the entries recorded on the pipe rolls. As mentioned above<sup>131</sup> the plea rolls do not provide complete information about fines and amercements levied during the proceedings. It is for this reason, as well as in the interests of consistency, that the figures for total revenue are derived from the pipe rolls.

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<sup>130</sup> Although this is the general rule, there are some cases where the formulaic nature of the material has not warranted such treatment.

<sup>131</sup> p. 36 and n. 98.

## **Records of the Forest Eyre**

### **The 1166-8 Visitation**

This visitation, the first of Henry II's reign, was presided over by Alan de Neville, the chief justice responsible for the reorganisation of the forest after the chaos of Stephen's reign. Revenue derived from the eyre is primarily recorded on the 1167 pipe roll, but receipts are also noted on the 1166 and 1168 pipe rolls.

### **Devon eyre**

**1166**

The pipe roll names Alan de Neville.

### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1166, 95; Pipe Roll 1167, 171; Pipe Roll 1168, 137.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £63 4s 4d. This figure includes a payment of £1 10s derived from the sale of the chattels of offenders.

### **Herefordshire eyre**

**1166**

The pipe roll names Alan de Neville.

### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1166, 84; Pipe Roll 1167, 70.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £60 13s 4d. The largest part of this sum is a single payment of £40 by Richard fitz Chancellor.

### **Rutland eyre**

**1166**

The pipe roll names Alan de Neville.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1166, 66; Pipe Roll 1167, 124.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £36 16s 8d.

**Worcestershire eyre**

**1166**

The pipe roll names Alan de Neville.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1166, 82; Pipe Roll 1167, 65.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £71 14s 9d.

**Yorkshire eyre**

**1166**

The pipe roll names Alan de Neville.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1166, 39; Pipe Roll 1167, 93.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £126 3s 4d.

**Berkshire eyre**

**1167**

The pipe roll names Alan de Neville.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1167, 6.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £62 10s.

**Buckinghamshire and Bedfordshire eyre  
1167**

The pipe roll names Alan de Neville. [For Buckinghamshire and Bedfordshire eyres see below pp. 421, 423].

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1167, 107.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £39 6s 8d. On this occasion the revenue derived from the 2 counties is clearly differentiated. It can be calculated that £28 6s 8d relates to offences committed in Buckinghamshire, while £11 relates to offences committed in Bedfordshire.

**Cumberland eyre  
1167**

The pipe roll names Alan de Neville.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1167, 174.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £3 10s.

**Gloucestershire eyre  
1167**

The pipe roll names Alan de Neville.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1167, 143.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £87 16s 8d.

**Hampshire eyre**

**1167**

The pipe roll names Alan de Neville.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1167, 178, 195.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £315 16s 8d. This figure includes payments recorded separately as wastes before Alan de Neville.

**Huntingdonshire eyre**

**1167**

The pipe roll names Alan de Neville.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1167, 166.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £20 3s 4d.

**Lincolnshire eyre**

**1167**

The pipe roll names Alan de Neville.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1167, 49.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £13 13s 4d.

**Northamptonshire eyre**

**1167**

The pipe roll names Alan de Neville.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1167, 117.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £53 3s 4d.

**Northumberland eyre**

**1167**

The pipe roll names Alan de Neville.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1167, 75.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £24 3s 4d.

**Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire eyre**

**1167**

The pipe roll names Alan de Neville. [For Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire eyres see below pp. 425-6 and 437-8].

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1167, 138.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £21 4d.

**Oxfordshire eyre**

**1167**

The pipe roll names Alan de Neville.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1167, 14.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £26 3s 4d.



**Shropshire eyre**

**1167**

The pipe roll names Alan de Neville.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1167, 60.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £36 3s 4d.

**Staffordshire eyre**

**1167**

The pipe roll names Alan de Neville.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1167, 52.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £57 3s 4d.

**Warwickshire and Leicestershire eyre**

**1167**

The pipe roll names Alan de Neville. [For Warwickshire and Leicestershire eyres see below pp. 434 and 443-4].

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1167, 161.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £8 2s 8d.

**Wiltshire eyre**

**1167**

The pipe roll names Alan de Neville.

#### ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1167, 128.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £78.

#### **Essex eyre**

**1168**

No justices named.

#### ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1168, 44.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £204 1s 4d.

#### **The 1169-71 Visitation**

As in 1166 Alan de Neville is the main presiding justice, but Simon fitz Peter is named in Rutland. The pipe roll evidence for this visitation is problematic, and it is perhaps misleading to speak in terms of a single, general visitation. In the period 1168-71 there are 13 counties for which the pipe rolls record revenue only once (Buckinghamshire and Bedfordshire, Yorkshire [1169]; Berkshire, Cumberland, Gloucestershire, Huntingdonshire, Oxfordshire, Rutland, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire and Leicestershire [1170]; Dorset, Herefordshire [1171]). However, there are 5 counties for which new revenue is recorded on 2 separate occasions (Devon, Essex, Hampshire, Northamptonshire and Surrey) and 2 for which there are 3 sets of entries (Devon, Nottinghamshire and Wiltshire). For the purposes of this survey I have conflated the revenue, but there may have been 2 or more eyres in some cases.

#### **Buckinghamshire and Bedfordshire eyre**

**1169**

The pipe roll for 1169 names Alan de Neville. [This eyre is noted in *V.C.H. Buckinghamshire*, ii, p. 133].

#### ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1169*, 92; *Pipe Roll 1170*, 30.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £55 7s 9d. The pipe roll for 1169 does not specify from which county amercements of £3 are derived, but the pipe roll for 1170 makes a clear distinction. It can be calculated that £31 4s 3d relates to offences committed in Buckinghamshire, while £21 3s 6d relates to offences committed in Bedfordshire.

#### **Hampshire eyre**

**1169**

The pipe roll names Alan de Neville.

#### ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1169*, 156; *Pipe Roll 1170*, 125.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £188 5s 8d.

#### **Northamptonshire eyre**

**1169**

The pipe roll names Alan de Neville.

#### ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1169*, 76; *Pipe Roll 1170*, 23.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £72 13s 6d.

#### **Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire eyre**

**1169**

The pipe roll names Alan de Neville.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1169, 61; Pipe Roll 1170, 83; Pipe Roll 1171, 50.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £145 6s.

**Wiltshire eyre**

**1169**

The pipe roll names Alan de Neville.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1169, 23; Pipe Roll 1170, 63; Pipe Roll 1171, 22.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £132.

**Yorkshire eyre**

**1169**

The pipe roll names Alan de Neville.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1169, 39.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £37 12s 5d.

**Berkshire eyre**

**1170**

No justices named.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1170, 72; Pipe Roll 1171, 91.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £71 15s 4d.

**Cumberland eyre**

**1170**

The pipe roll names Alan de Neville junior.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1170, 32.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £44 4s 4d.

**Devon eyre**

**1170**

The pipe roll for 1170 names Alan de Neville junior.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1170, 101; Pipe Roll 1171, 29.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £28 14s 5d. This sum includes payments of £1 2s 7d derived from the sale of the chattels of offenders.

**Essex eyre**

**1170**

The pipe roll names Alan de Neville.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1170, 108; Pipe Roll 1171, 124.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £175 4s 1d.

**Gloucestershire eyre**

**1170**

The pipe roll names Alan de Neville.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1170, 78; Pipe Roll 1171, 86.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £44.

**Huntingdonshire eyre**

**1170**

No justices named.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1170, 95.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £22 1s 6d.

**Northumberland eyre**

**1170**

No justices named.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1170, 48.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £58 17s 4d.

**Oxfordshire eyre**

**1170**

No justices named.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1170, 69.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £36 2s 4d.

**Rutland eyre**

**1170**

The pipe roll names Simon fitz Peter.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1170, 24.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £8 16s 8d.

**Shropshire eyre**

**1170**

No justices named.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1170, 133.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £90 9s.

**Staffordshire eyre**

**1170**

The pipe roll names Alan de Neville.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1170, 130.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £117 4s 10d.

**Surrey eyre**

**1170**

The pipe roll names Alan de Neville.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1170, 164; Pipe Roll 1171, 146.*

Total assessed revenue amounts £36 13s 4d.

**Warwickshire and Leicestershire eyre  
1170**

No justices named.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1170, 89.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £6 2s 8d.

**Worcestershire eyre  
1170**

No justices named.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1170, 56.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £84 1s 8d.

**Yorkshire eyre  
1170**

No justices named.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1170, 39; Pipe Roll 1171, 73.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £353 1s 8d.



## **Dorset and Somerset eyre**

**1171**

No justices named. [For Dorset and Somerset eyres see below pp. 427-8 and 440-1].

### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1171, 17.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £108 4s 3d.

## **Herefordshire eyre**

**1171**

No justices named.

### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1171, 83.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £48 16s 4d.

## **The 1173-6 Visitation**

For the first time it is not only the chief justice who is named in some of the counties where pleas were heard. Alan de Neville is associated with Richard, his clerk, Robert Mantel and William fitz Ralph.

## **Buckinghamshire and Bedfordshire eyre**

**1173**

No justices named.

### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1173, 75.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £2 15s 8d.

**Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire eyre  
1173**

The pipe roll names Alan de Neville.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1173, 175.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £19 5s 4d.

**Shropshire eyre  
1173**

The pipe roll names William fitz Ralph and Richard, clerk of Alan de Neville.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1173, 109.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £17 17s.

**Staffordshire eyre  
1173**

The pipe roll names Alan de Neville.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1173, 60.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £12.

**Worcestershire eyre  
1173**

The pipe roll names William fitz Ralph and Richard, clerk of Alan de Neville.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1173, 165.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £4 12s 8d.

**Berkshire eyre**

**1174**

The pipe roll names Alan de Neville, Robert Mantel and William fitz Ralph.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1174, 115.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £100 6s 1d.

**Hampshire eyre**

**1174**

The pipe roll names Alan de Neville, Robert Mantel and William fitz Ralph.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1174, 131.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £220 4s 6d.

**Northamptonshire eyre**

**1174**

The pipe roll names Alan de Neville, Robert Mantel and William fitz Ralph.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1174, 54.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £164 10s 7d.

**Northumberland eyre**

**1174**

The pipe roll names Alan de Neville, Robert Mantel and William fitz Ralph.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1174, 107.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £75 7s 3d.

**Wiltshire eyre**

**1174**

The pipe roll names Alan de Neville, Robert Mantel and William fitz Ralph.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1174, 35.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £124 15s 8d.

**Lancashire eyre**

**1175**

The pipe roll names Alan de Neville, Robert Mantel and William fitz Ralph.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1175, 9.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £93 4d. The men of the county also pay the sum of £104 15s 10d so that the view of the forest might be held over until the next regard.

**Yorkshire eyre**

**1175**

The pipe roll names Alan de Neville, Robert Mantel and William fitz Ralph.

#### ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1175*, 170.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £371 13s 7d.

#### Surrey eyre

1176

The pipe roll names Robert Mantel and William fitz Ralph.

#### ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1176*, 215.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £86 5s 2d.

#### The 1175-6 Visitation

The visitation of 1175-6 was very unpopular at the time and with good reason: it would be 70 years before it was matched in purely financial terms. Howden notes the contemporary opposition to the visitation and records that the most eminent men in England were placed in the king's mercy.<sup>132</sup>

The dating of the visitation causes some difficulty. For example, Howden is quite clear that Henry began imposing forest amercements from the end of June 1175. Indeed the king heard forest pleas in person at Nottingham and York in August of that year.<sup>133</sup> However, for both of these counties revenue derived from the forest pleas is first recorded on *Pipe Roll 1176*.<sup>134</sup> It is clear that Henry was closely involved with the visitation but, despite the unusual formula used in the pipe rolls ('The king's amercements for his forest') it is

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<sup>132</sup> *Gesta Regis Henrici Secundi Benedicti Abbatis*, 2 vols. (Rolls ser., 1867), i, p. 92.

<sup>133</sup> *Ibid.*, i, pp. 94, 99.

<sup>134</sup> The delay is noted by Eyton (R.W. Eyton, *Court, Household and Itinerary of Henry II* (1878), p. 194 n. 2) and may be explained by the fact that the debts were not put in summons until the financial year 1175-6.

unlikely, judging from his itinerary as sketched out by Eyton, that Henry personally heard pleas in all of the counties visited.<sup>135</sup>

### **Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire eyre**

#### **Nottingham, August 1175**

The entries appear under the heading 'The King's amercements for his forest' as above.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

According to Howden Henry II arrived in Nottingham on 1 August 1175 and, staying there several days, prosecuted all the barons and knights of the area for forest offences (*Benedict*, i, p. 94).

*Pipe Roll 1176*, 93.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £882.

### **Yorkshire eyre**

#### **York, August 1175**

The entries appear under the heading 'The king's amercements for his forest' as above.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

According to Howden, Henry arrived in York on 10 August 1175, where he prosecuted the earls, barons and clerks of Yorkshire for forest offences (*Benedict*, i, pp. 94, 99).

#### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1176*, 112.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £1676 13s 4d (plus 2 hawks).

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<sup>135</sup> *Ibid.*, pp. 190-218.

### **Berkshire eyre**

**1176**

The entries appear under the heading 'The king's amercements for his forest'.  
No justices named.

#### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1176, 133.*

Total assessed revenue amounts' to £139 13s 4d.

### **Buckinghamshire and Bedfordshire eyre**

**1176**

The entries appear under the heading 'The king's amercements for his forest'  
as above.

#### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1176, 22.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £1272

### **Cornwall eyre**

**1176**

The entries appear under the heading 'The king's amercements for his forest'  
as above.

#### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1176, 151.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £66 13s 4d. This revenue is derived from only 3 amercements of 40 marks (£26 13s 4d), 40 marks (£26 13s 4d) and 20 marks (£13 6s 8d) respectively.

## **Devon eyre**

**1176**

The entries appear under the heading 'The king's amercements for his forest' as above.

### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1176, 145.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £602 6s 8d.

## **Dorset and Somerset eyre**

**1176**

The entries appear under the heading 'The king's amercements for his forest' as above.

### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1176, 159.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £1160 6s 8d. Additional amercements totalling £10 have not been included because required in Wiltshire.

## **Essex eyre**

**1176**

The entries appear under the heading 'The king's amercements for his forest' as above.

### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1176, 6; Pipe Roll 1176, 151.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £763.



### **Gloucestershire eyre**

**1176**

The entries appear under the heading 'The king's amercements for his forest' as above (for the names of possible justices see below p. 430).

#### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1176, 127.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £393 6s 8d.

### **Hampshire eyre**

**1176**

The entries appear under the heading 'The king's amercements for his forest' as above.

#### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1176, 193.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £1736 13s 4d.

### **Herefordshire eyre**

**1176**

The entries appear under the heading 'The king's amercements for his forest' as above.

#### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1176, 44.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £375 13s 4d. An additional 40 marks (£26 13s 4d) has not been included because also required in Devon.

### **Huntingdonshire eyre**

## **1176**

The entries appear under the heading 'The king's amercements for his forest' as above.

### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1176, 74.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £229 11s 8d. An additional 10 marks (£6 13s 4d) has not been included because it also appears in the account for Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire. In both cases it is noted that the debt was required in Yorkshire.

### **Lincolnshire eyre**

## **1176**

The entries appear under the heading 'The king's amercements for his forest' as above.

### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1176, 85.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £84 6s 8d.

### **Northamptonshire eyre**

## **1176**

The entries appear under the heading 'The king's amercements for his forest' as above.

### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1176, 51.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £1035.

## **Oxfordshire eyre**

**1176**

The entries appear under the heading 'The king's amercements for his forest' as above.

### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1176, 30.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £1246 13s 4d. Additional amercements totalling £173 6s 8d have not been included because also required in other counties (Buckinghamshire, Northamptonshire and Hampshire).

## **Rutland eyre**

**1176**

The entries appear under the heading 'The king's amercements for his forest' as above.

### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1176, 55.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £8 13s 4d. An additional 3 marks (£2) has not been included because also required in Northamptonshire.

## **Shropshire eyre**

**1176**

The entries appear under the heading 'The kings amercements for his forest' as above.

### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1176, 58.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £40. This revenue is derived from only 2 amercements of 20 marks (£13 6s 8d) and 40 marks (£26 13s 4d) respectively.

### **Staffordshire eyre**

**1176**

The entries appear under the heading 'The king's amercements for his forest' as above.

#### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1176, 168.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £756 10s 4d.

### **Surrey eyre**

**1176**

The entries appear under the heading 'The king's amercements for his forest' as above.

#### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1176, 215.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £287 6s 8d.

### **Warwickshire and Leicestershire eyre**

**1176**

The entries appear under the heading 'The king's amercements for his forest' as above.

#### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1176, 185.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £332.

### **Wiltshire eyre**

**1176**

The entries appear under the heading 'The king's amercements for his forest' as above.

#### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1176, 176.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £1046 13s 4d. An additional £200 has not been included because also required in Warwickshire and Leicestershire.

### **Worcestershire eyre**

**1176**

The entries appear under the heading 'The king's amercements for his forest' as above.

#### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1176, 37.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £468 13s 4d. Additional amercements totalling £31 have not been included because also required in Warwickshire.

### **The 1177-8 Visitation**

This visitation, presided over by Thomas fitz Bernard, was not on the same scale as that of 1175, but its effects must have been severe. There was no opportunity for the inhabitants of the forest to recover from the harsh implementation of the law in the previous year. As in 1169<sup>136</sup> there are some problems interpreting the pipe roll evidence.

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<sup>136</sup> See above p. 53.

**Berkshire eyre**

**1177**

The pipe roll names Thomas fitz Bernard.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1177, 48; Pipe Roll 1178, 104.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £63 19s.

**Devon eyre**

**1177**

The pipe roll names Thomas fitz Bernard.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1177, 8.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £5 16s 2d.

**Dorset and Somerset eyre**

**1177**

No justices named.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1177, 20.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £8 18s 8d. On this occasion the revenue derived from the 2 counties is clearly differentiated. It can be calculated that £5 3s 8d relates to offences committed in Dorset, while £3 15s relates to offences committed in Somerset.

**Essex eyre**

**1177**

No justices named.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1177, 149; Pipe Roll 1178, 37.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £123 7s 8d.

**Hampshire eyre**

**1177**

No justices named.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1177, 171; Pipe Roll 1178, 110.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £102 1s 8d.

**Huntingdonshire eyre**

**1177**

No justices named.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1177, 182.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £10 13s 8d.

**Surrey eyre**

**1177**

No justices named.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1177, 196; Pipe Roll 1178, 134.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £74 8s 4d.

**Wiltshire eyre**

**1177**

The pipe roll names Thomas fitz Bernard.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1177, 100.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £13 7s 10d.

**Buckinghamshire and Bedfordshire eyre**

**1178**

The pipe roll names Thomas fitz Bernard.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1178, 96; Pipe Roll 1179, 79.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £36 3s 10d. On this occasion the revenue derived from the 2 counties is clearly differentiated. It can be calculated that £30 5s 10d relates to offences committed in Buckinghamshire, while £5 18s relates to offences committed in Bedfordshire.

**Cumberland eyre**

**1178**

The pipe roll names Thomas fitz Bernard.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1178, 127.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £17 6s 8d.



**Gloucestershire eyre**

**1178**

The pipe roll names Thomas fitz Bernard.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1178, 91.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £27 11s 2d.

**Herefordshire eyre**

**1178**

No justices named.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1178, 102.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £28 9s 8d.

**Lancashire eyre**

**1178**

The pipe roll names Thomas fitz Bernard.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1178, 46.*

Names Thomas fitz Bernard.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £12 10s 8d. In addition one Ralph fitz Bernard pays £66 13s 4d in order to have a respite from the regard.

**Northamptonshire eyre**

**1178**

No justices named.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1178, 54.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £243 14s 10d.

**Northumberland eyre**

**1178**

The pipe roll names Thomas fitz Bernard.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1178, 62.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £23 17s 6d.

**Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire eyre**

**1178**

The pipe roll names Thomas fitz Bernard.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1178, 87.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £58 2s 4d.

**Oxfordshire eyre**

**1178**

The pipe roll names Thomas fitz Bernard.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1178, 120.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £38 8s.

**Rutland eyre**

**1178**

The pipe roll names Thomas fitz Bernard.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1178, 63.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £13 19s 8d.

**Shropshire eyre**

**1178**

No justices named.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1178, 85.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £27 11s 7d.

**Staffordshire eyre**

**1178**

No justices named.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1178, 98.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £33 13s 4d.

**Warwickshire and Leicestershire eyre**

**1178**

The pipe roll names Thomas fitz Bernard.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1178, 82.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £11 11s 6d.

**Worcestershire eyre**

**1178**

The pipe roll names Thomas fitz Bernard.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1178, 94.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £47 13s 4d.

**Yorkshire eyre**

**1178**

The pipe roll names Thomas fitz Bernard.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1178, 70.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £87 17s 8d.

**The 1179-80 Visitation**

This eyre was again presided over by Thomas fitz Bernard.

**Cornwall eyre**

**1179**

The pipe roll names Thomas fitz Bernard.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1179, 92; Pipe Roll 1180, 97.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £33 2s 8d.

### **Devon eyre**

**1179**

The pipe roll names Thomas fitz Bernard.

### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1179, 14; Pipe Roll 1180, 95.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £28 15s 8d.

### **Dorset and Somerset eyre**

**1179**

The pipe roll names Thomas fitz Bernard.

### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1179, 70; Pipe Roll 1180, 111.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £67 3s 2d. On this occasion the revenue derived from the 2 counties is clearly differentiated. It can be calculated that £49 7s 4d relates to offences committed in Somerset, while £17 13s 10d relates to offences committed in Dorset.

### **Essex eyre**

**1179**

The pipe roll names Thomas fitz Bernard.

### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1179, 55; Pipe Roll 1180, 7.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £103 19s 2d. The township of Colchester also undertakes to pay £10 in order to enjoy a respite from the pleas of the forest [1180].

### **Hampshire eyre**

**1179**

The pipe roll names Thomas fitz Bernard.

### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1179, 105, 107; Pipe Roll 1180, 135.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £152 4s 11d.

### **Huntingdonshire eyre**

**1179**

The pipe roll names Thomas fitz Bernard.

### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1179, 34.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £13 14s 8d.

### **Sussex eyre**

**1179**

The pipe roll names Thomas fitz Bernard.

### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1179, 37; Pipe Roll 1180, 32.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £11 14s 10d.

### **Wiltshire eyre**

## **1179**

The pipe roll names Thomas fitz Bernard.

### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1179, 59; Pipe Roll 1180, 122.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £64 11s 2d.

## **Berkshire eyre**

### **1180**

The pipe roll names Thomas fitz Bernard.

### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1180, 41.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £27 5s 10d.

## **Buckinghamshire and Bedfordshire eyre**

### **1180**

The pipe roll names Thomas fitz Bernard.

### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1180, 130.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £53 3s 6d. On this occasion the revenue derived from the 2 counties is clearly differentiated. It can be calculated that £27 10s 2d relates to offences committed in Buckinghamshire, while £25 13s 4d relates to offences committed in Bedfordshire.

## **Cumberland eyre**

### **1180**

The pipe roll names Thomas fitz Bernard.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1180, 61.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £33 15s 8d.

**Gloucestershire eyre**

**1180**

The pipe roll names Thomas fitz Bernard.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1180, 115.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £18 14s 10d.

**Herefordshire eyre**

**1180**

The pipe roll names Thomas fitz Bernard.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1180, 118.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £11 4s 4d.

**Huntingdonshire eyre**

**1180**

The pipe roll names Thomas fitz Bernard.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1180, 38.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £24 3s 4d.



**Lincolnshire eyre**

**1180**

The pipe roll names Thomas fitz Bernard.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1180, 58.*

It is stated that the pleas relate to the forest of Holland.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £71 18s 8d.

**Northamptonshire eyre**

**1180**

The pipe roll names Thomas fitz Bernard.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1180, 87.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £96 6d.

**Northumberland eyre**

**1180**

The pipe roll names Thomas fitz Bernard.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1180, 141.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £15 11s 10d.

**Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire eyre**

**1180**

The pipe roll names Thomas fitz Bernard.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1180, 140.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £65 16s 2d.

**Oxfordshire eyre**

**1180**

The pipe roll names Thomas fitz Bernard.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1180, 29.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £35 3s 4d.

**Rutland eyre**

**1180**

The pipe roll names Thomas fitz Bernard.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1180, 88.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £14 3s 10d.

**Shropshire eyre**

**1180**

The pipe roll names Thomas fitz Bernard.

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<sup>137</sup> Dr. David Crook has dated this roll to 1179-80.

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m. 1, Amercements of the forest in the county of Shropshire. A total of 101 amerancements recorded, amounting to £20. All of the amerancements relate to offences against the vert, for example purprestures, wastes and assarts and mills and forges within the forest bounds.

m. 2, Amercements of the forest in the county of Shropshire. A total of 24 amerancements recorded, amounting to £3 8s 6d: There is then a payment of 6s 8d resulting from a perambulation and a fine of £26 13s 4d: Payments related to the mining of lead within the forest bounds. There is a payment of £55 for lead legitimately sold and a further £45 10s derived from pleas. Further payments of 13s 4d and £26 13s 4d for the farm of a mill and lead respectively and finally an amerancement of £6 13s 4d.

#### ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1180, 11.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £58 4s 6d.

#### **Staffordshire eyre**

**1180**

The pipe roll names Thomas fitz Bernard.

#### ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1180, 14.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £29 9s 8d.

#### **Surrey eyre**

**1180**

The pipe roll names Thomas fitz Bernard.

## **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1180, 46.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £38 7s 8d.

## **Warwickshire and Leicestershire eyre**

**1180**

The pipe roll names Thomas fitz Bernard.

## **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1180, 105.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £9 13s 4d.

## **Worcestershire eyre**

**1180**

The pipe roll names Thomas fitz Bernard.

## **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1180, 80.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £40 11s 4d.

## **Yorkshire eyre**

**1180**

The pipe roll names Thomas fitz Bernard.

## **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1180, 74.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £105 11s 4d.

## **The 1183 Visitation**

This visitation was presided over by Thomas fitz Bernard, but only 3 counties were visited and negligible revenue was assessed.

### **Cumberland eyre**

**1183**

The pipe roll names Thomas fitz Bernard.

#### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1183, 6.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £5 9s 8d.

### **Gloucestershire eyre**

**1183**

The pipe roll names Thomas fitz Bernard.

#### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1183, 95.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £1 8s 4d.

### **Shropshire eyre**

**1183**

The pipe roll names Thomas fitz Bernard.

#### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1183, 3.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £3 9s 8d.

### **The 1184-6 Visitation**

Geoffrey fitz Peter is named as the sole presiding justice in a number of counties, but 16 others are also named in various combinations (Robert fitz Thomas, Robert Belet, Peter de Lincoln, Ernys de Neville, Nigel fitz Alexander, Ralph de Hanton, Ralph Huse, Ralph de Hospitali, Robert de Haseley, William de Stanton, Geoffrey de Hay, Robert del Broc, Roger Muissun, Roger de Howden, Richard de Hungerford and Henry le Norreys).

Howden, himself a justice on this visitation, refers to its inception in 1184. On the death of Thomas fitz Bernard (the successor as chief justice of the forests to Alan de Neville) the king divided the forests into several circuits and assigned each circuit to 4 judges, 2 knights and 2 clerks.<sup>138</sup> The eyres presumably started therefore in 1184 although none of the revenue was audited until *Pipe Roll 1185*.

### **Berkshire eyre**

**1185**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter.

#### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1185, 23.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £83 8s 5d.

### **Buckinghamshire and Bedfordshire eyre**

**1185**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter.

#### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1185, 138.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £103 8s 9d.

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<sup>138</sup> *Benedict*, i, p. 323.

### **Cornwall eyre**

**1185**

The pipe roll names Robert fitz Thomas, Robert Belet and Peter de Lincoln.

#### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1185, 202.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £15 1s.

### **Cumberland eyre**

**1185**

The 1185 pipe roll names Ernis de Neville and Nigel fitz Alexander, while the 1186 pipe roll names only Nigel fitz Alexander.

#### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1185, 186; Pipe Roll 1186, 96.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £41 2s 8d.

### **Devon eyre**

**1185**

The pipe roll names Peter de Lincoln, Ralph de Hanton, Ralph de Hospitali and Ralph Huse.

#### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1185, 162.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £17 15s 6d.

### **Dorset and Somerset eyre**

**1185**

The pipe roll names Robert Belet and Ralph de Hospitali.

#### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1185, 179.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £102 7s 3d. On this occasion the revenue derived from the 2 counties is clearly differentiated. It can be calculated that £54 6s 8d relates to offences committed in the forests of Somerset, while £48 7d relates to offences committed in Dorset.

#### **Essex eyre**

**1185**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter.

#### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1185, 18.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £423 17s 2d. This figure includes £35 3s 2d derived from the sale of the chattels of offenders.

#### **Gloucestershire eyre**

**1185**

The pipe roll names Robert de Haseley.

#### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1185, 147.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £73 14s 2d.

#### **Hampshire eyre**

**1185**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter.



## **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1185, 211.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £140 18s 5d. This figure includes £10 15s 7d derived from the sale of the chattels of offenders.

### **Herefordshire eyre**

**1185**

The pipe roll names Robert de Haseley and William de Stanton.

## **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1185, 199.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £7 6d.

### **Huntingdonshire eyre**

**1185**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter.

## **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1185, 59.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £24 2s 3d.

### **Lincolnshire eyre**

**1185**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter.

## **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1185, 92.*

It is stated that the pleas relate to the forests of Kesteven and Holland.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £73. The largest part of this revenue is derived from payments to secure a respite from amercements for purprestures.

**Northamptonshire eyre**

**1185**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1185, 51.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £256 3s 7d.

**Northumberland eyre**

**1185**

The 1185 pipe roll names Ernys de Neville and Nigel fitz Alexander, while the 1186 pipe roll adds Geoffrey de Hay.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1185, 152; Pipe Roll 1186, 124.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £27 18s 1d.

**Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire eyre**

**1185**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1185, 113.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £119 12s 7d.

**Oxfordshire eyre**

**1185**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1185, 108.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £29 5s.

**Rutland eyre**

**1185**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1185, 54.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £7 11s 2d. This figure includes a payment of 9s 6d derived from the sale of the chattels of offenders.

**Shropshire eyre**

**1185**

The pipe roll names Robert del Broc and Roger Muissun.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1185, 128.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £39 2s 2d.

**Staffordshire eyre**

**1185**

The pipe roll names Robert de Haseley, Nicholas le Breton and Robert del Broc.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1185, 167.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £16 11d. This figure includes payments totalling £5 12s 3d derived from the sale of the chattels of offenders.

**Surrey eyre**

**1185**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1185, 237.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £138 3s 11d.

**Sussex eyre**

**1185**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1185, 170.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £42 6s 3d. This figure includes payments totalling £1 10s 8d derived from the sale of the chattels of offenders.

**Warwickshire and Leicestershire eyre**

**1185**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1185, 103.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £11 17s.

**Wiltshire eyre**

**1185**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1185, 193.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £148 4s 11d.

**Worcestershire eyre**

**1185**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1185, 121.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £73 9s 2d.

**Yorkshire eyre**

**1185**

The 1185 pipe roll names Ernys de Neville, Nigel fitz Alexander, Roger de Howden, Geoffrey de Hay, Richard de Hungerford and Henry le Norreys, while the 1186 pipe roll names only Nigel fitz Alexander, Ernys de Neville and Geoffrey de Hay.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1185, 73; Pipe Roll 1186, 94.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £288 3s 4d.

## **Lancashire**

**1186**

The pipe roll names Nigel fitz Alexander and Ernys de Neville.

### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1186, 144.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £2 13s 4d. In addition the men of the county undertake to pay 50 marks (£30) in order to have a respite from the pleas of the forest (*Pipe Roll 1185, 4*), and 50 marks (£30) in order to have a respite from the regard (*Pipe Roll 1186, 144*).

### **The 1187-8 Visitation**

Once again Geoffrey fitz Peter appears as the main presiding justice, but 11 others are also named (Roger de Howden, Geoffrey de Hay, Ernys de Neville, Nigel fitz Alexander, Robert del Broc, Robert de Haseley, Nicholas le Breton, William de Stanton, William le Vavasur, Roger de Howden and Roger de Bavent).

## **Buckinghamshire and Bedfordshire eyre**

**1187**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter.

### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1187, 35.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £64 2s 4d.

## **Cumberland eyre**

**1187**

The pipe roll names Roger de Howden, Geoffrey de Hay, Ernys de Neville and Nigel fitz Alexander.

#### ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1187, 95.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £6 14s. This figure includes the sum of £1 13s 1d derived from the sale of the chattels of offenders.

#### **Gloucestershire eyre 1187**

The 1187 pipe roll names Robert del Broc, Robert de Haseley and Nicholas le Breton, while the 1188 pipe roll omits Nicholas le Breton.

#### ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1187, 139; Pipe Roll 1188, 109.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £32 11s 8d.

#### **Herefordshire eyre 1187**

The 1187 pipe roll names Robert del Broc and William de Stanton, while the 1188 pipe roll adds Robert de Haseley.

#### ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1187, 132; Pipe Roll 1188, 213.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £18 6s 3d.

#### **Lancashire eyre 1187**

The pipe roll names Ernys de Neville, William le Vavasur, Roger de Howden and Geoffrey de Hay.

#### ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1187, 17.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £68 11s 4d. In addition the men of the county undertake to pay 100 marks (£66 13s 4d) in order to have a respite from the regard.

#### **Lincolnshire eyre 1187**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter.

#### ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1187, 74.*

It is stated that the pleas relate to the forests of Kesteven and Holland. Total assessed revenue amounts to £57 5s 8d. The largest part of this revenue is derived from payments to secure a respite from the regard.

#### **Northumberland eyre 1187**

The pipe roll names Ernys de Neville, William le Vavasur and Roger de Bavent.

#### ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1187, 184.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £22 13s 1d.

#### **Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire eyre 1187**



The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1187, 168.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £178 10d.

**Oxfordshire eyre**

**1187**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1187, 48.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £38 17s.

**Rutland eyre**

**1187**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1187, 113.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £8 1s 6d.

**Shropshire eyre**

**1187**

The 1187 pipe roll names Robert del Broc, Robert de Haseley and William de Stanton, while the 1188 pipe roll names only Robert del Broc and William de Stanton.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1187, 65; Pipe Roll 1188, 97.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £39 19s 6d.

**Staffordshire eyre**

**1187**

The pipe roll names Robert del Broc, William de Stanton and Robert de Haseley.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1187, 151.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £11 13s 7d.

**Warwickshire and Leicestershire eyre**

**1187**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1187, 119.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £9 6s 8d.

**Worcestershire eyre**

**1187**

The pipe roll names Robert del Broc, William de Stanton and Robert de Haseley.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1187, 218; Pipe Roll 1188, 183.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £59 1s 11d.

**Yorkshire eyre**

**1187**

The pipe roll names Ernis de Neville, William la Vavasur, Roger de Bavent, Roger de Howden and Geoffrey de Hay.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1187, 88.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £155 15s 4d.

**Berkshire eyre**

**1188**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1188, 147.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £63 8s 11d.

**Cornwall eyre**

**1188**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1188, 104.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £67 16s 3d.

**Devon eyre**

**1188**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter.

#### ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1188, 169.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £114 15s 8d.

#### **Dorset and Somerset eyre**

**1188**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter.

#### ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1188, 162.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £172 10d. On this occasion the revenue derived from the 2 counties is clearly differentiated. It can be calculated that £138 13s 4d relates to offences committed in the forests of Somerset, while £33 7s 6d relates to offences committed in Dorset. The revenue from Somerset is largely derived from a single amercement of £100 levied on the bishop of Bath.

#### **Essex eyre**

**1188**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter.

#### ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1188, 37.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £96 18s 11d.

#### **Hampshire eyre**

**1188**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1188, 177.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £98 2d.

**Northamptonshire eyre**

**1188**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1188, 133.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £254 14s 9d. This figure includes the sum of 10s derived from the sale of the chattels of an offender.

**Surrey eyre**

**1188**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1188, 27.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £37 2s 10d.

**Sussex eyre**

**1188**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1188, 188.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £8 12s 2d.

### **Wiltshire eyre**

**1188**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter.

#### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1188, 140.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £107 8s 5d.

### **The 1189-90 Visitation**

Once again Geoffrey fitz Peter is the main presiding justice, but Ernis de Neville, Roger de Howden, Robert del Broc and Nigel fitz Alexander are also named.

### **Cumberland eyre**

**1189**

The 1189 pipe roll names Ernis de Neville and Roger de Howden, while the 1191 pipe roll names only Ernis de Neville.

#### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1189, 140; Pipe Roll 1191, 54.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £10 19s.

### **Yorkshire eyre**

**1189**

The 1189 pipe roll names Ernis de Neville and Roger de Howden, while the 1190 pipe roll adds Nigel fitz Alexander.

## ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1189, 89; Pipe Roll 1190, 70.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £230 18s 6d. This figure includes the sum of £10 13s 2d derived from the sale of the chattels of offenders.

## **Berkshire eyre**

**1190**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter.

## ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1190, 34.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £26 6s 10d. This figure includes the sum of £9 11s derived from the sale of the chattels of an offender.

## **Buckinghamshire and Bedfordshire eyre**

**1190**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter.

## ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1190, 142.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £19 2s 2d.

## **Essex eyre**

**1190**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter.

## ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1190, 108.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £37 5s 4d.

**Gloucestershire eyre**

**1190**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter and Robert del Broc.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1190, 57.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £12 2s 10d.

**Hampshire eyre**

**1190**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter and Robert del Broc.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1190, 136.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £44 2s 8d.

**Herefordshire eyre**

**1190**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter and Robert del Broc.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1190, 47.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £6 14s 4d.

**Huntingdonshire eyre**

**1190**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter.



ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1190, 115.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £11 7s 2d.

**Lincolnshire eyre**

**1190**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1190, 88.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £22 3s 8d.

**Northamptonshire eyre**

**1190**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1190, 30.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £44 4s 7d.

**Oxfordshire eyre**

**1190**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1190, 13.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £15 10s 3d.

It is specified that the revenue recorded is derived from wastes and assarts.

**Rutland eyre**

**1190**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1190, 36.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £6 2s 5d.

**Shropshire eyre**

**1190**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter and Robert del Broc.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1190, 127.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £16 8s 3d.

**Staffordshire eyre**

**1190**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter and Robert del Broc.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1190, 17*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £13 13s 1d.

**Warwickshire and Leicestershire eyre**

**1190**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1190, 44.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £4 2s 8d.

**Wiltshire eyre**

**1190**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1190, 123.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £20 6d.

**Worcestershire eyre**

**1190**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1190, 24.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £7 18s 7d.

The Northumberland eyre of 1196 cannot really be counted as part of any more general visitation. It is possible that it formed part of the eyre begun in 1189 and that there was some delay in the audit.

**Northumberland eyre**

**1196**

The pipe roll names Hugh Bardolf.

## ACCOUNT

*Chancellor's Roll 1196, 95.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £20 1s 6d.

### **The 1198-9 Visitation**

The main justices are Geoffrey fitz Peter and Hugh de Neville, but also named are Thomas de Sandford, Hugh Wake and William de Wrotham, clerk.

This visitation is mentioned by Howden, who names Hugh de Neville, Hugh Wake and Ernys de Neville as the justices in eyre.<sup>139</sup>

### **Berkshire eyre**

**1198**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter and Hugh de Neville.

## ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1198, 186.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £74 7s 7d.

### **Buckinghamshire eyre**

**1198**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter and Hugh de Neville.

## ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1198, 16.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £70 8s 8d. This figure includes the sum of £1 4s derived from the sale of the chattels of an offender.

### **Cornwall eyre**

**1198**

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<sup>139</sup> *Howden*, iv, p. 63.

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter and Hugh de Neville.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1198, 174.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £180 7s 4d.

**Dorset and Somerset eyre**

**1198**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter and Hugh de Neville.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1198, 222.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £154 5s 3d.

**Essex eyre**

**1198**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter and Hugh de Neville.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1198, 136.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £139 8d.

**Huntingdonshire eyre**

**1198**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter and Hugh de Neville.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1198, 164.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £95 18s 2d.

**Lincolnshire eyre**

**1198**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter and Hugh de Neville.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1198, 63.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £69 13s 4d. This figure includes a payment of 40 marks (£26 13s 4d) by the prior of Spalding that his men should be quit of all charges against them.

**Northamptonshire eyre**

**1198**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter and Hugh de Neville.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1198, 104, 107.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £286 12s 5d. The payments on p. 107 are recorded under the heading 'New offerings ('oblata') through Hugh de Neville and agreed by ('concessa') Geoffrey fitz Peter'.

**Rutland eyre**

**1198**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1198, 124.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £26 3s 9d.

**Surrey eyre**

**1198**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter and Hugh de Neville.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1198, 149.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £15 13s 6d.

**Sussex eyre**

**1198**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter and Hugh de Neville.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1198, 227.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £15 17s 8d. This revenue is largely derived from a single payment of 20 marks (£13 6s 8d) by the rape of Hastings.

**Warwickshire and Leicestershire eyre**

**1198**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter and Hugh de Neville.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1198, 159.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £21 19s 3d.

**Wiltshire eyre**

**1198**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter and Hugh de Neville.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1198, 72.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £135 8s 2d.

**Cumberland eyre**

**1199**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1199, 211.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £2.

**Devon eyre**

**1199**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey fitz Peter, Hugh de Neville, Thomas de Sandford, Hugh Wake and William de Wrotham, clerk.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1199, 192.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £112.

**Gloucestershire eyre**

**1199**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville, Hugh Wake, Thomas de Sandford and Robert de Vieuxpont.



ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1199, 32-3.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £123 17s 9d.

**Herefordshire eyre**

**1199**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1199, 217.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £4 19s 3d.

**Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire eyre**

**1199**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville and Hugh Wake.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1199, 207.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £174 17s 3d. The payments on p. 208 are recorded under the heading 'New pleas through Hugh de Neville and agreed by Geoffrey fitz Peter'.

**Oxfordshire eyre**

**1199**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1199, 225.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £92 16s 11d.

## **Worcestershire eyre**

**1199**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville and Hugh Wake.

### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1199, 83.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £108 4s 11d. This figure includes the sum of 12s derived from the sale of the chattels of an offender.

## **Yorkshire eyre**

**1199**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.

### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1199, 51.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £424 18s 1d. In addition the men of Lancashire pay 30 marks (£40) that they should be quit of the regard.

### **The 1199-1202 Visitation**

This eyre, presided over by Hugh de Neville, was begun in 1199 but the resulting revenue is largely recorded on the 1200 pipe roll. Thomas de Sandford and Hugh Wake are also named.

## **Buckinghamshire eyre**

**1199**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.

### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1199, 116.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £45.

**Warwickshire and Leicestershire eyre**

**1199**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville and Hugh Wake.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1199, 254.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £15 1s 4d.

**Berkshire eyre**

**1200**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1200, 188.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £91 1s 5d.

**Cornwall eyre**

**1200**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1200, 223.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £113 4s 9d. This figure includes the sum of £2 5s 6d derived from the sale of the chattels of an offender.

**Devon eyre**

## **1200**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.

### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1200, 233.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £103 3s 4d. This figure includes the sum of £2 derived from the sale of the chattels of offenders.

## **Essex eyre**

### **1200**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.

### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1200, 48.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £172 13s 4d.

## **Hampshire eyre**

### **1200**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville and Thomas de Sandford.

### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1200, 199.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £366 18s 4d. The payments are recorded under three headings: 'Amercements of the forest by Hugh de Neville, Thomas de Sandford and their associates'; 'Fines by Hugh de Neville'; and 'Amercements by Hugh de Neville'.

## **Northumberland eyre**

### **1200**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1200, 6.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £55 8d.

**Shropshire eyre**

**1200**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1200, 174.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £58 17s 9d.

**Staffordshire eyre**

**1200**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1200, 253.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £50 9s 7½d.

**Surrey eyre**

**1200**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1200, 218.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £21 13s 7d.

**Sussex eyre**

**1200**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1200, 248.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £4 9s.

**Dorset and Somerset eyre**

**1201**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1201, 29.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £173 1d.

**Wiltshire eyre**

**1201**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1201, 81.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £45 17s 10d.

**Cumberland eyre**

**1202**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville and Hugh Wake.

#### ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1202, 256.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £86 2s 7½d. This figure includes the sum of 16s derived from the sale of the chattels of an offender.

#### **Forest Eyres 1207-10**

Towards the end of John's reign it becomes increasingly difficult to assign revenue to a particular visitation. For some counties new, and significant entries are recorded almost annually. For this reason any division into more general visitations would probably be an artificial one. (For the eyres in the north see Holt, *Northerners*, pp. 157-8).

#### **Cornwall eyre**

**1207**

The entries appear under the heading 'Pleas of the forest'.

#### ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1207, 76.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £325 9s 9d. It is noted that one of the amercements was reassessed by the justices and Barons of the Exchequer and reduced from 100 to 60 marks (£66 13s 4d to £40).

#### **Devon eyre**

**1207**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville and Peter de Lyon.

#### ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1207, 184; Pipe Roll 1208, 69.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £418 11s 8d. The largest part of this revenue is derived from a fine of 500 marks (£333 6s 8d) by the bishop of Exeter: he and his men had hunted in the forest of Devon and Cornwall while not covered by the fine made in 1204 for deforestation (see below pp. 426-7).

**Hampshire eyre**  
**1207**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1207, 149; Pipe Roll 1208, 125.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £66 2s 1d.

**Northumberland eyre**  
**1207**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville. [For this eyre see Holt, *Northerners*, p. 158].

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1207, 3; Pipe Roll 1208, 54; Pipe Roll 1209, 176.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £650 1s 5d. A large part of this sum is derived from an amercement of £241 16s levied on Robert Bertram 'for the forest'. (I have assumed that the new forest sums found in the pipe rolls of 1208 and 1209 arise from this eyre and do not indicate fresh eyres in 1208 and 1209).

**Rutland eyre**  
**1207**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.



## ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1207, 138; Pipe Roll 1208, 75.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £82 2s 5d. The largest part of this sum is derived from a single amercement of 100m (£66 13s 4d).

## **Surrey eyre**

**1207**

The pipe roll for 1208 names Hugh de Neville.

## ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1207, 66; Pipe Roll 1208, 95.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £21 18s 9d.

## **Berkshire eyre**

**1208**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville and Peter de Lyon.

## ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1208, 58.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £21 7s 8d.

## **Berkshire eyre**

**1208**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.

## ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1208, 59; Pipe Roll 1209, 9.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £46 10s 2d.

## **Buckinghamshire eyre**

**1208**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.

### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1208, 133.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £284 16s 5d. The largest part of this revenue is derived from a payment of 300m (£200) by William de Braose junior.

## **Cumberland eyre**

**1208**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.

### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1208, 45.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £40 18s.

## **Dorset and Somerset eyre**

**1208**

The 1208 pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.

### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1208, 110; Pipe Roll 1209, 102.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £150 3s 4½d.

## **Essex eyre**

**1208**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville. [The annals of Dunstable probably refer to this eyre (*Ann. Mon.*, iii, 31)].

#### ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1208*, 36.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £227 11s 7d. This figure includes the sum of £2 6s 4d derived from the sale of the chattels of an offender.

#### **Gloucestershire eyre 1208**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.

#### ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1208*, 22.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £402 18s. This figure includes the sum of 15s 6d derived from the sale of the chattels of an offender.

#### **Herefordshire eyre 1208**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.

#### ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1208*, 192.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £88. The largest part of this sum is derived from a single payment of 100m (£66 13s 4d).

#### **Huntingdonshire eyre 1208**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1208, 188.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £38 12s 1½d.

**Lancashire eyre**

**1208**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1208, 49; Pipe Roll 1209, 105.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £102 14s 9d.

**Northamptonshire eyre**

**1208**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1208, 179.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £160 16s 2½d.

**Oxfordshire eyre**

**1208**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1208, 138.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £262 10s 7d.

**Warwickshire and Leicestershire eyre  
1208**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1208, 164.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £25 6s 8d.

**Wiltshire eyre  
1208**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1208, 200.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £106 1s 9d. This figure includes the sum of £1 2s derived from the sale of the chattels of an offender.

**Worcestershire eyre  
1208**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1208, 41.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £37 2s 3d.

**Yorkshire eyre  
1208**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville. [For this eyre see Holt, *Northerners*, p. 158].

## ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1208*, 156; *Pipe Roll 1209*, 122.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £1328 19s 5d. In addition Peter de Brus owes the sum of £598 6s 8d, but it was decided he was not to be summoned for it because it was caused by an earlier fine of £1000 he had made to have the forest of Danby (*Pipe Roll 1201*, 159). (I have assumed that the further forest sums found in the pipe roll of 1209 represent a continuation of debts arising from this eyre and are not an indication of a new eyre in 1209).

## Northamptonshire eyre

**Northampton, 20 February 1209**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville and Peter de Lyon.

## PLEA ROLL

E 32/62

[The entries recorded on m. 1 of this roll are printed in Turner, *Select Pleas*, pp. 1-6 and a brief summary appears in *V.C.H. Northamptonshire*, ii, pp. 341-2].

m. 1, Miscellaneous entries. A total of 38 entries recorded: 3 instances of failure to produce evidence before the justices; 6 instances of failure to produce accused individuals before the justices; 5 cases of entire townships or tithings being amerced following the flight of a suspect (4 of these men are noted as outlaws); a related case in which a township is amerced because it did not have what it pledged; a final amercement of a township for the flight of a suspect is connected with a plea of venison, which also results in the seizure of the land of the accused; 5 offences against the venison, involving more or less complicated inquiries (2 result in the release of wrongly-accused suspects and 2 in the seizure of whole townships); 3 further pleas of venison;

1 case of 'stultiloquium' [faulty pleading]; 4 cases of false presentment or accusation; requirement for an individual to find a pledge for his possession of a warrant to hunt; failure to account for money from forfeited goods, in this instance horses; note of a payment to be quit of an offence; amercement of a township for failing to raise the hue and cry; amercement of a township for employing a fugitive; denial of an individual that he has agreed to stand pledge; information regarding pigs agisted in the forest; payment for the recovery of a wood; names of those deputed to hold an offender in Northampton.

m. 1d, Blank.

m. 2, Fines for assarts made without licence in the forest of Northamptonshire. A total of 29 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £30 3s; A final entry notes the failure to produce a pledged individual at court [it is a case mentioned on m. 1].

m. 2d, Blank.

mm. 3-3d, Old assarts in Nassaborough. A total of 78 entries recorded, but no financial penalties noted.

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E 32/249

[M. 15 of this roll is a virtual copy of m. 1 of E 32/62. There are only negligible differences between the two. Turner maintains that an entry relating to one Roger Grim, reaper of the abbot of Peterborough, is omitted from the transcript, but this is not in fact the case (*Select Pleas*, p. 1 n. 7). Turner also uses the old ink membrane numbering rather than the modern pencil version (see above p. 45 n. 129). This accounts for his attribution of the relevant entries to m. 16 of E 32/249 rather than m. 15 (*Select Pleas.*, p. 1 n. 1)].

This roll was probably put together in the modern period for reasons of archival convenience but the individual membranes, judging from the hands, are probably the work of the second half of the thirteenth century and first half of the fourteenth century (see Turner, *Select Pleas*, p. 1 n. 1). The roll consists of 30 membranes which vary widely in size and are clearly the work

of a number of different scribes. The latest entry dates from 40 Henry III (1255-6). The roll is of relevance here because it contains extracts from the 1209 eyre roll, as well as other miscellaneous material relating to the Northamptonshire forest in the time of John. In addition to providing a full description of these sections I have provided a summary of the other material on the roll. In future occasions only the relevant sections will be cited.

mm. 1-1d, Rutland eyre 1209.

mm. 2-2d, Rutland eyre 1256.

mm. 3-5d, Northamptonshire eyre 1255.

m. 6, Regard 10 John (1208-9) - [the date is drawn from the reverse of the membrane]. Names of 12 regards for Salcey and Whittlewood forests.

There is a list of 37 old assarts in the bailiwick of Salcey, 4 of which might more correctly be described as purprestures, and 28 old assarts in the bailiwick of Whittlewood.

m. 6d, The membrane is headed 'Northampton in the time of John'. Regard. There is a list of 24 old assarts in the bailiwick of Whittlewood, 20 old assarts in the bailiwick of Silverstone, 11 of which might better be described as old purprestures, 4 new assarts in the bailiwick of Whittlewood, 1 new assart in the bailiwick of Salcey, 13 old wastes in the bailiwick of Salcey and 12 old wastes in the bailiwick of Whittlewood.

mm. 7-7d, Northamptonshire eyre 1255.

m. 8, Information relating to the forest of Northampton in the time of John, presented by Robert Passelewe. There is a list of 17 entries detailing the failure of forest officials to produce their rolls, and 4 detailing other defaults; Amercements for assarts, purprestures and other transgressions in Cliffe forest. A total of 44 entries of varying types recorded. All, however, should be classified as offences against the vert. Amercements levied for failure to pay pannage. A total of 8 entries recorded.

m. 8d, Amercements levied for failure to pay pannage. A total of 3 entries recorded, 1 of which in fact details more general 'transgressions'; Fines and amerancements for offences against the venison in the bailiwick of Cliffe. A total of 8 entries recorded, 2 of which are for false presentment; Amercements



levied for assarts and purprestures in Stanion forest. A total of 55 entries recorded, for a much wider range of offences than suggested by the heading. All, however, can be classified as pleas of the vert. At the bottom of the membrane the name Richard de Nottingham is written.

m. 9, This membrane begins with the name of Richard de Nottingham. Fines and amercements for offences against the venison and other transgressions. A total of 40 entries recorded, a mixture of offences against the venison and the vert. Agistment in Stanion forest. A total of 17 entries recorded, relating to both the profits of pannage and non-payment of pannage; Amercements levied for assarts, purprestures and other transgressions in Whittlewood and Salcey forests. A total of 10 entries recorded, all assarts.

m. 9d, [The entries on this membrane are written from bottom to top]. Amercements levied for assarts, purprestures and other transgressions in Whittlewood and Salcey forests in the time of John. A total of 44 entries of varying types recorded. They detail offences ranging from false presentment to the deliberate burning of trees; Fines and amercements for offences against the venison and other transgressions in Whittlewood and Salcey forests. A total of 5 entries recorded, 1 of which relates to the failure of a village to attend an inquisition with full powers; Agistment in Whittlewood and Salcey forests for the years 25-29 Henry III (1240-1 to 1244-5); Amercements levied for failure to pay pannage. A total of 8 entries recorded. The name of Robert Passelewe appears at the bottom of this membrane.

m. 10, Old wastes in Nassaborough in the time of John. A total of 26 entries recorded; 4 entries detailing the use of 144 trees by the king; Names of 18 individuals possessing dogs in the forest contrary to the assize; Rutland eyre 1209.

m. 10d, Rutland eyre 1209.

m. 11, Regard between Northampton and Peterborough in the time of John. Names of 12 regards. There is a list of 84 old assarts.

m. 11d, This membrane begins with the heading 'Northampton and Rutland in the time of John', although at the bottom of the membrane the entries are

specifically identified as relating to Northamptonshire. There is a list of 12 old assarts, 1 new assart and 72 old wastes.

m. 12, Amercements for pleas of the forest presented at Northampton 23 February 1209. A total of 57 entries of varying types recorded; defaults, pleas of the vert and venison. Payments amount to £76 8s; Regard between Northampton and Peterborough. There is a list of 52 old wastes, 1 of which is to be withdrawn from the regard in return for a payment. Payments amount to £8 16s 4d.

m. 12d, Regard between Northampton and Peterborough. There is a list of 22 entries under the heading old wastes, 1 of which is in fact a new assart and 1 a payment for exclusion from the regard as above. There is also a list of 28 old assarts in Whittlewood forest, 1 of which is in fact a new waste, 1 a payment for exclusion from the regard and 1 a payment for the recovery of a wood seized into the king's hands; Amercements relating to the fief of Earl David. A total of 7 entries recorded, all assarts. There are also 5 amerancements, under the sub heading 'Hertfordshire and Leicestershire', levied for the carrying of bows in the forest. There are 2 similar entries for Bedfordshire and 1 for Huntingdonshire. There are then 14 further entries for Northamptonshire, all of which are old wastes. In total the payments amount to £23 3s.

m. 13, Payments for crops sown on assarts beyond Northampton towards Rockingham. A total of 125 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £17 18s 3½d.

m. 13d, Payments for crops sown on assarts beyond Northampton towards Rockingham. A total of 8 entries recorded, with payments amounting to 5s 2d; Regard of Whittlewood and Salcey forests. There is a list of 84 entries recording payments for crops sown on assarts. The payments amount to £14 5s 1½d.

mm. 14-14d, Northamptonshire eyre 1255.

m. 15, Pleas of the forest presented at Northampton 20 February 1209. Miscellaneous entries. A total of 38 entries recorded: 3 instances of failure to produce evidence; 6 instances of failure to produce accused individuals; 5

cases of entire townships or tithings being amerced following the flight of a suspect; a related case in which a township is amerced because it did not have what it pledged; amercement of a township for the flight of a suspect, connected with a plea of venison; 5 offences against the venison, with inquiries; 3 further pleas of venison; 1 case of faulty pleading; 4 cases of false presentment or accusation; requirement for an individual to find a pledge for his warrant to hunt; failure to account for money from forfeited goods; note of a payment to be quit of an offence; amercement of a township for failing to raise the hue and cry; amercement of a township for employing a fugitive; denial of an individual that he has agreed to stand pledge; information regarding pigs agisted in the forest; payment for the recovery of a wood; names of those deputed to hold an offender in Northampton.

m. 15d, Fines for assarts made without licence in the forest of Northamptonshire. A total of 29 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £30 2s. As the result of a mistake by the scribe this figure is 1s less than the total recorded on the original; A final entry notes the failure to produce a pledged individual at court [as m. 2 of E 32/62]. At the bottom of the membrane there is a note that the entries are derived from those presented at Northampton in the time of John.

m. 16, Old assarts in Nassaborough 10 John (1208-9). A total of 69 entries recorded [drawn from mm. 3-3d of E 32/62].

m. 16d, Blank.

m. 17, Northamptonshire assarts 10 John (1208-9), specifically in the bailiwick of Silverstone. The value of the crops sown on the said assarts assessed under oath by 5 named individuals. A total of 19 entries recorded; Names of 6 foresters and jurors in the bailiwick of Salcey responsible for assessing the value of crops sown on assarts. A total of 14 entries recorded, 1 of which is in 2 parts.

m. 17d, Blank.

m. 18, [There is some doubt as to the order in which the membranes relating to the regards have been stitched together]. The last regard held in Salcey. A

total of 45 entries recorded, all old assarts; The last regard held in Whittlewood. A total of 43 entries recorded, all old assarts.

m. 18d, This membrane begins with the heading 'Here begins the first regard of Alexander fitz Richard'. A total of 14 entries recorded, all old assarts; Regard in Whittlewood. A total of 10 entries recorded, all old assarts; First regard in Salcey. A total of 36 entries recorded, all old assarts; Regard in Whittlewood. A total of 5 entries recorded, all old assarts; Old wastes in Salcey. A total of 8 entries recorded; Old wastes in Whittlewood. A total of 11 entries recorded. At the bottom of the membrane the name Simon fitz Hamo appears. It is also noted that these entries are drawn from information presented at Northampton in the time of John.

m. 19, The entries on this membrane are written from bottom to top. New assarts in Salcey. A total of 2 entries recorded; Old wastes in Salcey. A total of 9 entries recorded, 8 of which also appear on m. 18d above; Old wastes in Whittlewood. A total of 9 entries recorded, 8 of which also appear on m. 18d above. There is a note at the bottom of the membrane, to the effect that all information relating to the last regard has now been reproduced.

m. 19d, The membrane begins with a list of 10 old assarts in Salcey; Old assarts in Whittlewood. A total of 8 entries recorded.

m. 20, First regard in Whittlewood. A total of 31 old assarts recorded. The name of John fitz Alexander again appears at the bottom of the membrane.

m. 20d, Blank.

m. 21, Enrolment of the Chapters of the Regard.

m. 21d, Blank.

mm. 22-29d, Northamptonshire eyre 1255.

mm. 30-30d, Rutland eyre 1209.

## ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1209, 186.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £668 10s 6d. This sum includes a number of substantial payments, for example the Abbot of Peterborough pays 300 marks (£200) and John de Towcester £100.

## Rutland eyre

Oakham, 3 March 1209

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.

### COPY ROLL\*

E 32/249

[The entries recorded on m. 10 of this roll are partly printed in Turner, *Select Pleas*, pp. 6-7. Turner is again using the old ink membrane numbering, as opposed to the modern pencil numbering, and thus ascribes these entries to m. 11 (*ibid.*, p. 6 n. 1). A brief summary of the information contained on this roll also appears in *V.C.H. Rutland*, i, p. 252].

Only those sections of the roll relating to the 1209 Rutland eyre have been reproduced here. For a full description see above pp. 130-5.

m. 1, This membrane begins with the heading 'Second regard'. There is no indication as to county or date, but it becomes clear from subsequent place names that the regard in question was held in Rutland. Later entries are identified as dating from an eyre of 10 John, and this can probably be applied to all of the entries on the membrane. There is a list of 13 old and 5 new assarts; Wastes from the first regard in Leicestershire. A total of 17 entries recorded, both wastes and purprestures. 1 of the purprestures is specifically identified as new. Although it is stated that the wastes relate to Leicestershire it is likely that they were recorded in the regard for Rutland<sup>140</sup>; Amercements levied at Barnack 14 March 1209. A total of 58 entries recorded, a mixture of offences against the venison, defaults and assarts. Payments amount to £51 4s.

m. 1d, Blank.

m. 10, Pleas of venison presented at Oakham 3 March 1209. A total of 18 entries recorded, only 3 of which in fact detail offences against the venison.

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<sup>140</sup> The forest of Sauvey in Leicestershire was a small extension of the forest of Rutland (Bazeley, p. 161).

The remaining 15 entries deal with defaults, the confiscation of woodland and fines for the recovery thereof. 1 of the entries also defines the men of Leicestershire's liability to attend the eyre; [The following entries are not printed in Turner] Pleas of the forest at Oakham. The names of 9 lords of specified woods failing to attend are recorded and there is a single entry dealing with a wood in the king's hands.

m. 10d, This membrane begins with the heading 'Northampton and Rutland 10 John'. A total of 12 entries recorded, detailing the failure of lords of specified woods to attend. All of the entries are labelled as deriving from Northamptonshire, but the place names suggest Leicestershire, and therefore the Rutland eyre.

m. 30, Information contained on the roll of Leicestershire amercements made at Oakham 3 March 1209. There is a list of 14 old assarts and 2 defaults; Miscellaneous entries for the county of Rutland. A total of 20 entries recorded, with amercements for offences ranging from waste to the improper conduct of the regard. Payments amount to £8 15s 4d; Amercements for default. A total of 2 entries recorded, with payments amounting to 6s; Payments for crops in the first regard of Leicestershire. A total of 13 entries recorded; Payments for crops in the second regard of Leicestershire. A total of 10 entries recorded; New assarts in the second regard of Leicestershire. A total of 7 assarts recorded; Payments for crops in the first regard of Rutland. A total of 13 entries recorded.

m. 30d, This membrane is headed 'Rutland in the time of John', but there are no further entries.

## ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1209, 107.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £23 6s 10d.

## Huntingdonshire eyre

Huntingdon, 9 March 1209

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville and Peter de Lyon.

#### COPY ROLL

E 32/37

This roll is a later thirteenth-century copy and contains information concerning the eyres of 10 John (1208-9) [mm. 1-2d] and 39 Henry III (1254-5) [mm. 3-7d] as well as miscellaneous material relating to the forest of Huntingdonshire in 29 Henry III (1244-5).

m. 1, Pleas of venison. A total of 4 entries recorded: Entry relating to the failure of a verderer to produce his rolls before the justices: Regard of Huntingdonshire. There is a list of 64 assarts.

m. 1d, Regard of Huntingdonshire. There is a list of 15 assarts and 32 wastes. Amercements of the vert and venison. A total of 61 amerancements recorded, amounting to £94 15s 4d.

m. 2, Regard of Huntingdonshire. There is a list of 24 wastes.

m. 2d, Regard of Huntingdonshire. There is a list of 7 wastes.

mm. 3-7d, 1255 Huntingdonshire eyre.

#### ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1209, 121, 189.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £433 4s.

#### **Shropshire eyre**

**Shrewsbury, 14 March 1209**

Hugh de Neville and Peter de Lyon. The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.

#### COPY ROLL

E 32/144

[Some of the entries recorded on m. 1 of this roll are printed in Turner, *Select Pleas*, pp. 8-10. Turner omits entries relating to the regard of Long Forest and

does not give a membrane reference. A brief summary of the information contained on this roll also appears in *V.C.H. Shropshire*, i, p. 487].

This is a copy of the original roll made, judging from the hand, in the late thirteenth century.

m. 1, Miscellaneous entries. A total of 22 entries recorded; 5 offences against the venison, of varying complexity; 3 instances of contradictory testimony; the seizure of a vivary into the king's hand; an inquiry into the profits of land from which the foresters have now been removed; a fine by the knights and men of Brewood for deforestation; payment for an assart; a case of bringing a false complaint; payment in order to keep a purpresture; failure to produce a pledged individual; 3 cases of taking hares; fine to be relieved of the need to stand surety; seizure of land falsely deemed to be outside the forest; and 2 instances of harbouring malefactors; There is a heading 'Names of the verderers of Shropshire', but no subsequent information is recorded; Regard of Long Forest presented by Roger Springhose. A total of 44 old assarts recorded, with payments amounting to approximately £2 13s 2½d.

m. 1d, Regard of Long Forest. There is a list of 62 old assarts and 15 new assarts, with payments amounting to £2 3s 3d and 5s respectively [this differs from the scribal total by 1s 1½d, a discrepancy attributable to damage]; Regard of Morf and Shirlet forests. A total of 22 assarts recorded, with payments amounting to approximately 18s 11½d.

mm. 2-2d, The last regard of Long Forest. There is a list of 144 old assarts and purprestures, with payments amounting to £9 8s [this differs from the scribal total by 3½d].

m. 3, Amercements of the vert. A total of 22 amerancements recorded, amounting to £8 19s [the scribe provides a total of £1 10s]; Amerancements at Shrewsbury. A total of 25 amerancements for miscellaneous offences recorded, amounting to £133 4s 4d; Regard of Long Forest. There is a list of 15 wastes, assarts and purprestures, with payments amounting to £8 19s 4d; Amerancements for assarts made without licence. A total of 3 amerancements recorded, amounting to £1 13s 4d; Names of regards in Morf and Shirlet.



Only 1 name is given; Details of an inquiry into a grant of land; Details of a grant of land for the founding of a hermitage.

m. 3d, Details of a grant of land for the founding of a hermitage.

m. 4, New purprestures at North Leigh. A total of 13 entries recorded, amounting to 11s 10d. [The scribe provides a total of 33s 2½d]; The first regard of Mount Gilbert. There is a list of 54 entries and 3 new purprestures, amounting to £3 13s 5d; Second regard of Mount Gilbert. There is a list of 12 entries, amounting to £1 8s 6d.

m. 4d, Second regard of Mount Gilbert. There is a list of 47 entries, 1 of which in fact details an exaction, amounting to £2 15s 6½d. [The scribe gives an overall total of £4 10s 8d]; Regard of Morf and Shirlet. There is a list of 13 entries, amounting to 15s 4d.

#### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1212, 89.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £215 3s 4d.

#### **Cumberland eyre**

**1209**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville and Peter de Lyon.

#### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1209, 95.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £129 8s 4d.

#### **Essex eyre**

**1209**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville and Peter de Lyon.

#### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1209, 199.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £299 14s 8d.

**Hampshire eyre**

**1209**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville and Peter de Lyon.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1209, 169.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £78 18s 11d.

**Lincolnshire eyre**

**1209**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville and Peter de Lyon.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1209, 76.*

It is stated that the pleas relate to the forest of the Marsh.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £38 19s 4d.

**Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire eyre**

**1209**

No justices named.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1209, 118.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £231 10s.

**Staffordshire eyre**

## **1209**

The entries appear under the heading 'Pleas of the forest'.

### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1209, 150.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £32 6s 9d.

### **Surrey eyre**

## **1209**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.

### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1209, 143.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £38 4s. This figure includes the sum of £21 13s 4d derived from the sale of the chattels of an offender.

### **Warwickshire and Leicestershire eyre**

## **1209**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville and Peter de Lyon.

### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1209, 23.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £43 13s.

### **Wiltshire eyre**

## **1209**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1179, 87.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £346 13s 8d.

**Berkshire eyre**

**1210**

The pipe roll names Thomas de Sandford and Peter de Lyon.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1210, 105.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £114 10s 1½d plus 3 foxhounds and 1 terrier.

**Cornwall eyre**

**1210**

The entries appear under the heading 'Pleas of the forest'. No justices named.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1210, 67.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £18 6s 8d.

**Dorset and Somerset eyre**

**1210**

The entries appear under the heading 'Pleas of the forest in Dorset and Somerset'. No justices named.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1210, 57.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £422 5s 4d.

**Hampshire eyre**

**1210**

The pipe roll names Thomas de Sandford, Robert de Tattershall and Peter de Lyon.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1210, 190.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £358 19s 3d plus 10 cask of good wine.

This figure includes the sum of £3 2s 7d derived from the sale of the chattels of offenders, and £50 3s 4d recorded in the account for Windsor.

**Herefordshire eyre**

**1210**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1210, 40.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £81 6s 8d.

**Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire eyre**

**1210**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1210, 15.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £77 2s 10d. This figure includes the sum of £1 9s derived from the sale of the chattels of an offender.

## **Surrey eyre**

**1210**

No justices named.

### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1210, 123.*

The entries appear in the account for Windsor.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £17 5s 1d.

## **Wiltshire eyre**

**1210**

The entries appear under the heading 'Pleas of the forest' but Hugh de Neville is named in the text ['the above-mentioned H.'].

### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1210, 82.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £220 6s 4d.

## **The 1212 Visitation**

The presiding justices, Hugh and John de Neville, Peter de Lyon, Philip de Ulecote and Fulk de Cantilupe, heard pleas of the forest in 23 counties. [The Barnwell annalist refers to the forest exactions in 1212 (*Walt. Cov.*, ii, 207). For the visitation, especially in the north, see Holt, *Northerners*, p. 159].

## **Berkshire eyre**

**1212**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1212, 65.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £79 13s 1d.

**Buckinghamshire eyre**

**1212**

The pipe roll names John fitz Hugh [de Neville]. The name has been added to replace that of Hugh de Neville himself.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1212, 127.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £178 9d.

**Cornwall eyre**

**1212**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1212, 70.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £74 3s 8d.

**Cumberland eyre**

**1212**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville. [For this eyre see Holt, *Northerners*, p. 159].

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1212, 156.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £415 3s 5d.

**Devon eyre**

**1212**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1212, 75.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £39 10s.

**Dorset and Somerset eyre**

**1212**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1212, 119.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £229 10s 11d.

**Essex eyre**

**1212**

The pipe roll names John fitz Hugh [de Neville].

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1212, 57.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £185 9s 1d plus 1 cask of good Angevin wine.

**Gloucestershire eyre**

**1212**



The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1212, 145.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £234 4s 7d.

**Hampshire eyre**

**1212**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1212, 98.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £122 17s 4½d. This figure includes the sum of £1 derived from the sale of the chattels of an offender.

**Herefordshire eyre**

**1212**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1212, 160.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £10 14s 8d.

**Huntingdonshire eyre**

**1212**

The pipe roll names John fitz Hugh [de Neville].

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1212, 81.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £232 11s 1d. This figure includes the sum of 10s derived from the sale of the chattels of an offender.

**Lincolnshire eyre**

**1212**

The pipe roll names John fitz Hugh [de Neville].

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1212, 110.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £96 12s 8d.

**Northamptonshire eyre**

**1212**

The pipe roll names John fitz Hugh [de Neville].

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1212, 134.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £204 1s 4d.

**Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire eyre**

**1212**

The pipe roll names Philip de Ulecote. [For this eyre see Holt, *Northerners*, p. 159].

**ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1212, 165.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £543 17s 11d.

**Oxfordshire eyre**

## **1212**

The pipe roll names John fitz Hugh [de Neville].

### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1212, 22.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £129 12s 5d, The original roll is badly damaged at this point and there is at least one entry missing.

### **Shropshire eyre**

## **1212**

The pipe roll names Fulk de Cantilupe.

### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1212, 89.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £321 7s 3d. The largest part of this sum is derived from a single payment of £200 by the men of Shropshire.

### **Staffordshire eyre**

## **1212**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville and Peter de Lyon.

### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1212, 63.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £386 14s 8d.

### **Surrey eyre**

## **1212**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1212, 101.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £94 11s 11d.

**Sussex eyre  
1212**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1212, 85.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £68 5s.

**Warwickshire and Leicestershire eyre  
1212**

The entries appear under the heading 'Pleas of the forest'.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1212, 140.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £33 13s 7d.

**Wiltshire eyre  
1212**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.

ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1212, 152.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £86 6d.

## **Worcestershire eyre**

**1212**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.

### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1212, 60.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £236 14s. The largest part of this sum is derived from a single payment by Robert de Pendock. The figure also includes the sum of £2 3s 4d derived from the sale of the chattels of an offender.

## **Yorkshire eyre**

**1212**

The entries appear under 2 separate headings: 'Amercements for the forest' and 'Pleas of the forest by Philip de Ulecote'. [For this eyre see Holt, *Northmers*, p. 159].

### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1212, 16, 38.*

Total assessed revenue amounts to £1497 13s 7½d. Of the 9 payments that appear under the heading 'Amercements for the forest' the smallest sum levied is 20 marks (£13 3s 4d), but there are several of £100 and 300 marks (£200). This figure also includes the sum of £20 12s 8d derived from the sale of the chattels of offenders.

## **The 1221-5 Visitation**

The first visitation of Henry III's reign was planned for 1221 and was to be presided over by Brian de Lisle, although Walter Mauclerc is also named. It is likely that a general visitation was envisaged, but it was not completed before the appointment of Hugh de Neville as chief justice of the forest.

Although the visitation was envisaged in 1221, the eyres planned for that year seem generally to have been postponed and it is often not clear when exactly they took place. This is explained under the individual counties. Given this uncertainty it has been thought best to arrange the eyres under the dates for which they were originally summoned, but it must be borne in mind that these were not the dates when the eyres actually commenced. For the background to the eyres and their postponement see Carpenter, *Minority*, pp. 236, 252, 263, 276-9, 295-6, 298, 337.

### **Yorkshire eyre**

#### **York, 24 May 1221**

Brian de Lisle and Walter Mauclerc. The pipe roll names Brian de Lisle.

### **SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS**

Writ of summons, dating from April or May 1221, for an eyre to be held in the forests of Yorkshire. The date is subsequently altered to 20 June 1221 (*RLC*, i, 475). A letter of 8 April 1222 confirms that arrangements have changed again and the eyre is to be held on 18 April 1222 (*RLC*, i, 492). A letter of 12 May 1222 associates John de Birkin with Brian de Lisle for an eyre to be held on 30 May 1222 (*RLC*, i, 516).

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

A letter of 9 December 1222 notes that pleas relating to the archbishop, deacon and chapter of York, held over until 20 January 1223, are to be further postponed until 24 February 1223 (*RLC*, i, 526). The period of postponement is extended to 29 August in a second letter of 16 February 1223 (*RLC*, i, 535) and then 27 October in a letter of 17 August 1223 (*RLC*, i, 559). [For resistance to the eyre see Carpenter, *Minority*, 236, 252, 276-9, 288].

### **ACCOUNT**

E 372/67 [1223], Rot. 11 m. 2d; E 372/68 [1224], Rot. 10 m. 2; E 372/73 [1229], Rot. 17 mm. 1d-2d; E 372/74 [1230], Rot. 14 m. 1d.

It is stated that the entries on E 372/73 and E 372/74 relate to the eyre of 7 Henry III (1223).

Total assessed revenue amounts to £305 18s 7½d.

[For the issues of the eyre see also Carpenter, *Minority*, 337, 340 n. 51].

### **Essex eyre**

**Chelmsford, 27 June 1221**

Brian de Lisle and Walter Mauclerc. The pipe roll names Brian de Lisle.

#### **SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS**

Writ of summons, dating from April or May 1221, for an eyre in the forest of Essex (*RLC*, i, 475).

#### **ACCOUNT**

E 372/67 [1223], Rot. 3 m. 2d; E 372/68 [1224], Rot. 7 mm. 2-1d.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £54 4s 2d.

### **Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire eyre**

**Nottingham, 13 June 1221**

Brian de Lisle and Walter Mauclerc. The pipe roll names Brian de Lisle.

#### **SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS**

The eyre had originally been summoned for 13 June 1221, but the date was altered almost at once to 11 July (*RLC*, i, 475; and D. Crook, 'The struggle over forest boundaries in Nottinghamshire, 1218-1227', *Transactions of the Thorton Society of Nottinghamshire* (1979), 37, from which much of what follows comes). However, the eyre was postponed on several occasions. In 1222 the 2 counties offered £20 for a postponement from 28 January to 1

May. On 12 May a letter associated Maurice de Audley with Brian de Lisle as one of the justices for the eyre which was now to start on 15 May (*RLC*, i, 507) but a further offer of 50 marks (£33 6s 8d) secured its postponement until 10 July. A letter of 7 August 1222 postponed the eyre until 24 June 1223. The date of the relevant pipe roll account on the memoranda roll shows that the eyre had taken place by early 1226 but exactly when is unknown.

#### ACCOUNT

E 372/66 [1222], Rot. 3 m. 2d; E 372/69 [1225], Rot. 7 m. 2.

Total assessed revenue recorded on E 372/69 amounts to £51 10s 1d. In addition 3 payments amounting to £66 13s 4d are recorded on E 372/66. 2 of these payments were tendered by the counties for temporary relief from the eyre, as mentioned above, while the third sum is owed by Ralph de Willoughby for failure to perform his duties as a verderer in Derbyshire.

#### **Northamptonshire eyre**

**Northampton, 20 October 1221**

Brian de Lisle and Walter Mauclerc The pipe roll names Brian de Lisle.

#### SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS

Writ of summons, dating from April or May 1221, for an eyre to be held in Northamptonshire (*RLC*, i, 475). A letter of 8 April 1222 associates Hugh de Neville, Robert Passelewe and William de Lisle with Brian de Lisle for an eyre to be held on 11 April 1222 (*RLC*, i, 516).

#### ESTREAT ROLL

E 101/681/1



This 'roll' consists of a single piece of parchment.<sup>141</sup> It is little better than a fragment and is very difficult to read.

m. 1, The membrane begins with 26 partially visible entries, listing amercements for offences against the vert, wastes, assarts and the failure to ensure the attendance at court of bailed offenders. The scribe gives a total of £90 5s 4d and this suggests that there were originally many more entries; There are then 35 further partially visible entries, listing amercements for the possession of dogs in the forest, procedural failures and the sale of wood. The scribe gives a total of £22; Entry relating to the revenue from minor pleas. [From this point onwards the right hand edge of the membrane has been cropped and some of the financial details have been lost]; Payments amount to approximately £38 11s; Agistment in the forest of Northamptonshire in the reigns of John and Henry. [It is impossible to be more specific as to date because of the damage to the membrane outlined above]. The scribe gives a total of £16 11s 11d; There are then 2 further entries, with payments amounting to 15s 4d. 1 relates to the agistment, the other to the annual rent for cultivated land; A final entry deals with the annual payment of 12d for an assart.

m. 1d, Blank.

#### ACCOUNT

E 372/66 [1222], Rot. 6 m. 2d; E 372/67 [1223], Rot. 14 m. 2d.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £114 18s 8d.

#### Huntingdonshire eyre

**Huntingdon, 1 November 1221**

Brian de Lisle and Walter Mauclerc. The pipe roll names Brian de Lisle.

#### SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS

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<sup>141</sup> First identified by Dr. David Crook as relating to the Northamptonshire eyre ('The records of forest eyres in the Public Record Office, 1179 to 1670', *Journal of the Society of Archivists*,

Writ of summons, dating from April or May 1221, for an eyre in the forests of Huntingdonshire (*RLC*, i, 475).

#### ACCOUNT

E 372/66 [1222], Rot. 2 m. 2d; E 372/67 [1223], Rot. 14 m. 1d.

The entries recorded on E 372/67 note revenue derived from minor pleas.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £103 8s 9d.

#### **Gloucestershire eyre**

**1221**

The pipe roll names Brian de Lisle.

#### ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1221*, 238.

The only revenue recorded is derived from pannage.

#### **Berkshire eyre**

**1222**

The pipe roll names Brian de Lisle.

#### SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS

A summons to the forest eyre in Berkshire is recorded c.1219 (SC 1/1, no. 83).

#### ACCOUNT

E 372/66 [1222], Rot. 13 m. 2.

Total assessed revenue amounts to only £4 6s 8d, plus payments for pannage.

### **Hampshire eyre**

**1222**

The pipe roll names Brian de Lisle.

### **SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS**

A summons to the forest eyre in Hampshire is recorded c.1219 (SC 1/1, no. 83).

### **ACCOUNT**

E 372/66 [1222], Rot. 7 m. 1d.

Total assessed revenue amounts to only £8, plus payments for pannage.

### **Oxfordshire eyre**

**1222**

The pipe roll names Brian de Lisle.

### **ACCOUNT**

E 372/66 [1222], Rot. 6 m. 2.

The only revenue recorded is derived from pannage.

### **Warwickshire and Leicestershire eyre**

**1222**

The pipe roll names Brian de Lisle.

### **ACCOUNT**

E 372/66 [1222], Rot. 1 m. 1d; E 372/69 [1225], Rot. 12 m. 2.

The entries recorded on E 372/69 note revenue derived from minor pleas or crops sown on assarted land.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £17 3½d.

**Rutland eyre**

**1223**

The pipe roll names Brian de Lisle.

**ACCOUNT**

E 372/67 [1223], Rot. 12 m. 2d; E 372/69 [1225], Rot. 8 m. 2d.

The entries recorded on E 372/69 note revenue derived from minor pleas.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £8 3s 3½d.

**Staffordshire eyre**

**1223**

The pipe roll names Brian de Lisle.

**ACCOUNT**

E 372/67 [1223], Rot. 1 m. 2.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £9 13s 4d, plus payments for pannage.

**Dorset eyre**

**1225**

The pipe roll names Brian de Lisle.

**ACCOUNT**

E 372/69 [1225], Rot. 11 mm. 1-2.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £5 6s 8d.

**Somerset eyre**

**1225**

The pipe roll names Brian de Lisle.

#### ACCOUNT

E 372/69 [1225], Rot. 14 m. 2; E 372/70 [1226], Rot. 14 m. 1d.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £22 19s 4d.

#### **The 1224-8 Visitation**

This visitation, which superseded that headed by Brian de Lisle, was presided over by Hugh de Neville. John de Bayeux and Henry de Cerne are also named as justices. As with the 1221-5 visitation<sup>142</sup> it seems that likely that proceedings were cut short and pleas were heard in fewer counties than originally planned.

#### **Berkshire eyre**

**Reading, 14 November 1224**

Hugh de Neville, John de Bayeux and Henry de Cerne. The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.

#### SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS

Writ of summons, dated 26 October 1224, for an eyre in the forests of Berkshire (*RLC*, i, 633). The summons is subsequently repeated (*ibid.*, 655).

#### ACCOUNT

E 372/68 [1224], Rot. 14 m. 2; E 372/69 [1225], Rot. 6 m. 2.

E 372/68 notes that the eyre actually took place in the following year [ie. 1225]. The entries recorded on E 372/69 are assigned to the bailiwick of Windsor.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £63 10s 2d.

#### **Wiltshire eyre**

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<sup>142</sup> See above pp. 152-3.

**Wilton, 18 November 1224**

Hugh de Neville, John de Bayeux and Henry de Cerne. The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.

**SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS**

Writ of summons, dated 26 October 1224, for an eyre in the forests of Wiltshire (*RLC*, i, 633).

**ACCOUNT**

E 372/68 [1224], Rot. 10 mm 1d-2d.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £41.

**Dorset eyre**

**Sherborne, 4 December 1224**

Hugh de Neville, John de Bayeux and Henry de Cerne. The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.

**SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS**

Writ of summons, dated 26 October 1224, for an eyre in the forests of Dorset (*RLC*, i, 633). This summons is subsequently repeated (*ibid.*, 656).

**ACCOUNT**

E 372/69 [1225], Rot. 11 mm. 1-2.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £67 13s 10d.

**Somerset eyre**

**Ilchester, 10 December 1224**

Hugh de Neville, John de Bayeux and Henry de Cerne. The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.

## SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS

Writ of summons, dated 26 October 1224, for an eyre in the forests of Somerset (*RLC*, i, 633). This summons is subsequently repeated (*ibid.*, 656).

## ACCOUNT

E 372/69 [1225], Rot. 14 m. 2; E 372/70 [1226], Rot. 14 m. 1d.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £33 6s 8d.

### **Northamptonshire eyre**

**1226**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.

## ACCOUNT

E 372/70 [1226], Rot. 3 m. 1d; E 372/71 [1227], Rot. 10 m. 2.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £47 10s 2d.

### **Worcestershire eyre**

**1226**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.

## ACCOUNT

E 372/70 [1226], Rot. 11 m. 1d.

Total assessed revenue amounts to only £3 12s.

### **Hampshire eyre**

**1227**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.

## ACCOUNT

E 372/71 [1227], Rot. 13 m. 2d.

Total assessed revenue amounts to only £6 2s.

## Essex eyre

**1228**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville.

## ACCOUNT

E 372/72 [1228], Rot. 8 m. 2d; E 372/73 [1229], Rot. 14 m. 1d.

The entries on E 372/72 are recorded under the heading 'Fines for assarts and purprestures in the forest before H. de Neville' and those on E 372/73 under the heading 'Fines for assarts before H. de Neville'.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £37 6s 10d.

## The 1229-32 Visitation

This visitation was the first to operate under the system of 2 chief justices, north and south of the Trent. Significantly many of the commissions were issued on the same day (i.e. 4 November 1229), suggesting an attempt to impose a greater degree of order than had hitherto existed in the reign of Henry III. It was not, however, a complete success. There is no evidence, for example, that pleas of the forest were ever heard in 7 of the first named counties.<sup>143</sup> Similarly it appears that an eyre planned for Lancaster 15 days after the feast of St. Trinity (1 June 1231) (*CR*, 1227-31, 585) did not take place. In only two instances is there an explanation for this apparent truncation of the visitation. In April 1230, the men of Kesteven forest in Lincolnshire paid 250 marks (£166 13s 4d) for a charter of deforestation which effectively eliminated the royal forest in the county (*CChR*, 1226-57, 122; *Pipe Roll* 1230, 312). Hence no eyre was held in Lincolnshire on this or

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<sup>143</sup> Berkshire, Devon, Dorset and Somerset, Hampshire, Lincolnshire and Wiltshire (*CR*, 1227-31, 382).



any subsequent occasion. In Devonshire perhaps the fine for deforestation made in John's reign came to be interpreted as meaning the deforestation of the whole county, thus ending the eyres (see below pp. 426-7 and 434-5). Brian de Lisle and John de Monmouth presided, in association with Hugh de Neville, William Ruffus, Alexander de Bassingbourne, Ralph Musard, Henry de Cerne, Elias le Breton, Thomas de Multon and Ralph de Sudeley. Godfrey de Craucumbe and Ralph de Wiliton may also have acted as justices (see entry for Gloucestershire below pp. 169-70).

### **Oxfordshire eyre**

**Oxford, 25 November 1229**

Brian de Lisle, William Ruffus and Alexander de Bassingbourne.

John de Monmouth, Ralph Musard and Henry de Cerne.

The pipe roll names John de Monmouth and Brian de Lisle.

### **SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS**

Writ of summons, dated 4 November 1229, for 2 eyres in the forests of Oxfordshire, 1 in the bailiwick of Thomas de Langley and 1 without (*CR*, 1227-31, 382).

[This eyre is noted in *V.C.H. Oxfordshire*, ii, p. 293].

### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll* 1230, 253-4; E 372/76 [1232], Rot. 9 m. 2.

The entries recorded on E 372/76 appear under the heading 'Forest fines before John de Monmouth'.

There are entries for pleas of the forest before John de Monmouth and, separately, Brian de Lisle. The holding of 2 eyres resulted from the anomalous situation that existed in Oxfordshire. The justice of the forest north of the Trent, in this case Brian de Lisle, was responsible for the whole county, apart from the bailiwick of Thomas de Langley, which came under the

jurisdiction of his counterpart in the south. This arrangement does not seem to have been repeated and must have been unnecessarily time consuming.<sup>144</sup> Total assessed revenue before John de Monmouth amounts to £145 7s 3d. Total assessed revenue before Brian de Lisle amounts to £69 10s.

### **Northamptonshire eyre 1229**

The 1229 pipe roll names Hugh de Neville, while the 1230 pipe roll names Brian de Lisle. The payments do, however, seem to be related to a single eyre.

#### **ACCOUNT**

E 372/73 [1229], Rot. 10 m. 2d; *Pipe Roll 1230*, 321.  
Total assessed revenue amounts to £95 7s 2½d.

### **Nottinghamshire eyre 1229**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville and Brian de Lisle.

#### **ACCOUNT**

E 372/73 [1229], Rot. 5 mm. 1d-2d; E 372/74 [1230], Rot. 5 m. 2.  
Total assessed revenue amounts to £176 10s ½d. This is in addition to a payment of 140 marks (£93 6s 8d) by the men living in those parts of Nottinghamshire disafforested after the last perambulation, so that they might be quit of all offences committed prior to the disafforestation, except certain offences against the venison.

### **Warwickshire and Leicestershire eyre 1229**

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<sup>144</sup> See Turner, *Select Pleas*, p. xiv n. 5.

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville and Brian de Lisle.

#### ACCOUNT

E 372/73 [1229], Rot. 8 m. 2.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £35 8s 9d.

#### **Worcestershire eyre**

**1229**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville and Brian de Lisle.

#### ACCOUNT

E 372/73 [1229], Rot. 4 m. 2d; *Pipe Roll* 1230, 71; E 372/75 [1231], Rot. 13 m. 2d; E 372/76 [1232], Rot. 1 m. 1d.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £100 8s ½d.

#### **Buckinghamshire eyre**

**1230**

Brian de Lisle, William Ruffus and Alexander de Bassingbourne. The pipe roll names Brian de Lisle.

#### SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS

Writ of summons, dated 4 November 1229, for an eyre in the forests of Buckinghamshire at a time to be decided by the justices (*CR*, 1227-31, 382). Maurice de Audley is subsequently associated with the original justices.

#### ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll* 1230, 129; E 372/75 [1231], Rot. 13 mm. 2-1d.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £72 16s 5½d.

## **Herefordshire eyre**

**1230**

John de Monmouth, Ralph Musard and Henry de Cerne. The pipe roll names John de Monmouth.

### **SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS**

Writ of summons, dated 4 November 1229, for an eyre in the forests of Herefordshire at a time to be decided by the justices (*CR*, 1227-31, 382).

### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe Roll 1230*, 219.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £20 15s.

## **Huntingdonshire eyre**

**1230**

Brian de Lisle, William Ruffus and Alexander de Bassingbourne. The pipe roll names Brian de Lisle and Alexander de Bassingbourne.

### **SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS**

Writ of summons, dated 4 November 1229, for an eyre in the forests of Huntingdonshire at a time to be decided by the justices (*CR*, 1227-31, 382).

Maurice de Audley is subsequently associated with the original justices.

### **ACCOUNT**

*Pipe roll 1230*, 61.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £134 12s 10d.

## **Shropshire eyre**

**1230**

The pipe roll names Hugh de Neville and Brian de Lisle.

#### SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS

As with Gloucestershire and Staffordshire (see below pp. 169-70) the situation is a little unclear. The justices in eyre almost certainly visited Shropshire in 1230, but a series of writs records the appointment of John de Monmouth, Hugh de Neville, Elias le Breton and John fitz Philip as justices in eyre in 1232 (*CR*, 1231-4, 145-7). It would appear that in this instance at least, the second eyre never took place.

#### ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1230*, 231; E 372/74 [1231], Rot. 1 m. 2d and Rot. 12 m. 2d; E 372/76 [1232], Rot. 9 m. 1d.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £143 13s 10½d.

#### **Northumberland eyre**

**Newcastle, 1 June 1231**

Brian de Lisle, Peter de Brus and John de Kirkby. The pipe roll names Brian de Lisle.

#### SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS

Writ of summons, dating from 20 April 1231, for an eyre in the forest of Northumberland (*CR*, 1227-31, 585).

#### ACCOUNT

E 372/77 [1233], Rot. 6 m. 2d; E 372/78 [1234], Rot. 12 m. 2d.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £144 8d.

#### **Cumberland eyre**

**1231**

The pipe roll names Brian de Lisle.

#### ACCOUNT

E 372/75 [1231], Rot. 10 m. 1d.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £222 10s 5d.

#### **Essex eyre**

**1231**

The pipe roll names Brian de Lisle.

#### ACCOUNT

E 372/75 [1231], Rot. 3 m. 2d; E 372/76 [1232], Rot. 16 m. 2d; E 372/77 [1233], Rot. 3 m. 1d; E 372/78 [1234], Rot. 13 m. 2d.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £71 9s 7½d.

#### **Gloucestershire eyre**

**1231**

John de Monmouth, Ralph Musard and Henry de Cerne. The pipe roll names John de Monmouth.

#### SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS

The situation with regard to Gloucestershire is a little unclear. There is a writ of summons, dated 4 November 1229, for an eyre in the forests of Gloucestershire before John de Monmouth, Ralph Musard and Henry de Cerne (*CR*, 1227-31, 382). The pipe roll evidence suggests that pleas at least began to be heard some time between Michaelmas 1230 and Michaelmas 1231. However, a second series of writs, dating from 8 and 9 June 1232, records arrangements for an eyre to be held at Gloucester on 28 June 1232 before John de Monmouth, Hugh de Neville, Godfrey de Craucumbe, Ralph de Wiliton and Elias le Breton (*CR*, 1231-4, 143-7). The most likely

explanation is that the second eyre superseded the first, but it cannot be stated with any certainty that the second visitation ever took place [*V.C.H. Gloucestershire* ascribes the eyre to 1232 (ii, p. 268)].

#### ACCOUNT

E 372/75 [1231], Rot. 15 m. 1d; E 372/76 [1232], Rot. 14 m. 2; E 372/77 [1233], Rot. 1 m. 2.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £102 9½d.

#### **Staffordshire eyre**

**1231**

The pipe roll names John de Monmouth.

#### SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS

As with Gloucestershire (see above), the situation is unclear. The pipe roll evidence suggests that pleas of the forest at least began to be heard between Michaelmas 1230 and Michaelmas 1231, but a series of writs, dating from 8 and 9 June 1232 records the appointment of John de Monmouth, Hugh de Neville, Elias le Breton and John fitz Philip as justices in eyre for pleas of the forest (*CR*, 1231-4, 145-7) [see also *V.C.H. Staffordshire*, ii, p. 337)].

#### ACCOUNT

E 372/75 [1231], Rot. 9 m. 2d.

4 entries are recorded under the heading 'Forest fines before John de Monmouth', 3 of which are payments for the repossession of confiscated bailiwicks and 1 a payment for pannage.

#### **Yorkshire eyre**

**York, 17 May 1232**

Brian de Lisle, Thomas de Multon and Henry de Cern. The pipe roll names Brian de Lisle.

#### SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS

Writ of summons, dated 11 March 1232, for an eyre to be held in the forests of Yorkshire (*CR*, 1231-4, 137-8).

#### ACCOUNT

E 372/76 [1232], Rot. 2 m. 2d.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £498 2s 4d.

#### **Worcestershire eyre**

**1232**

John de Monmouth, Hugh de Neville, Elias le Breton and Ralph de Sudeley. The pipe roll names John de Monmouth.

#### SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS

Letters of 8 and 9 June 1232 record the appointment of justices in eyre for pleas of the forest in the county of Worcestershire (*CR*, 1231-4, 145-7).

#### ACCOUNT

E 372/76 [1232], Rot. 1 m. 2d; E 372/78 [1234], Rot. 10 m. 1d.

All of the entries recorded on E 372/78 are payments for assarts.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £16 18s 2d.

#### **The 1236-8 Visitation**

This visitation, substantially truncated, was presided over by John de Neville. Proceedings were brought to a halt when Neville was replaced as chief justice of the forest after only 7 months.

#### **Buckinghamshire eyre**



## **1236**

The pipe roll names John de Neville.

### **ACCOUNT**

E 372/80 [1236], Rot. 8 m. 2d; E 372/81 [1237], Rot. 4 m. 2d; E 372/82 [1238], Rot. 12 m. 1d; E 372/83 [1239], Rot. 12 m. 1d; E 372/85 [1241], Rot. 8 m. 2; *Pipe roll 1242*, 300; E 372/87 [1243], Rot. 14 m. 2d; E 372/88 [1244], Rot. 2 m. 1.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £73 5s 5d.

### **Northamptonshire eyre**

## **1236**

The pipe roll names John de Neville. [This eyre is noted in *V.C.H. Northamptonshire*, ii, p. 343, where it is ascribed to 1235].

### **ACCOUNT**

E 372/80 [1236], Rot. 11 m. 1d; E 372/81 [1237], Rot. 9 m. 1d; E 372/82 [1238], Rot. 14 m. 2.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £153 5s.

### **Oxfordshire eyre**

## **1236**

The pipe roll names John de Neville.

### **ESTREAT ROLL**

#### **E 137/37/1**

M. 2 of this general estreat roll includes a single entry relating to the forest eyre of John de Neville. There is a payment of 6s 8d 'pro recto foreste'.

## **ACCOUNT**

E 372/80 [1236], Rot. 14 m. 1d.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £93 15s 5d.

## **Essex eyre**

**1237**

The pipe roll names John de Neville.

## **ACCOUNT**

E 372/81 [1237], Rot. 3 m. 1d; E 372/83 [1239], Rot. 4 m. 2; E 372/84 [1240], Rot. 11 m. 2; E 372/85 [1241], Rot. 6 m. 2; *Pipe Roll 1242*, 224.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £106 10s 9d.

## **Huntingdonshire eyre**

**1238**

The pipe roll names John de Neville.

## **ACCOUNT**

E 372/82 [1238], Rot. 7 m. 1d; E 372/83 [1239], Rot. 3 m. 2d; E 372/84 [1240], Rot. 6 m. 2d; E 372/85 [1241], Rot. 5 m. 2d.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £189 15s 7d.

## **The 1239-44 Visitation**

This eyre was presided over by John Biset and Robert de Ros, although Gilbert de Umfraville, Roger Bertram and Elias le Breton are also named in Northumberland.

## **Hampshire eyre**

**1239**

John Biset. The pipe roll also names John Biset.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

There is a reference to John Biset's expenses on this eyre 15 March 1239 (*CLR*, 1226-40, 371).

#### ACCOUNT

E 372/83 [1239], Rot. 1 m. 1d; E 372/84 [1240], Rot. 6 m. 2; E 372/85 [1241], Rot. 7 m. 2; *Pipe Roll 1242*, 267, 272; E 372/87 [1243], Rot. 9 m. 1d; E 372/88 [1244], Rot. 10 m. 1d; E 372/92 [1248], Rot. 12 m. 2; E 372/93 [1249], Rot. 8 m. 1d; E 372/94 [1250], Rot. 1 m. 2; E 372/97 [1253], Rot. 16 m. 2d.

Some of the entries recorded on the pipe roll for 1242 appear under the heading '[Payments] for new purprestures in Pamber before John Biset'.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £189 16s 10d.

#### **Dorset and Somerset eyre**

**1240**

The pipe roll names John Biset.

#### ACCOUNT

E 372/84 [1240], Rot. 5 m. 2d; *Pipe Roll 1242*, 336.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £204 2s 5½d.

#### **Northamptonshire eyre**

**1240**

John Biset. The pipe roll also names John Biset.

#### ESTREAT ROLL

E 101/533/23

The membranes are sewn together end to end.

m. 1, Amercements levied during the eyre of John Biset and his associates 24 Henry III (1240). A total of 80 amerancements recorded, amounting to £57 10s.

m. 1d, Note to the effect that the fines recorded were removed to another roll September 17 Edward II (1323) and that all amerancements and forfeited proceeds were pardoned.

mm. 2-5, Amercements levied during the eyre of John Biset. A total of 236 amerancements recorded, amounting to £121 1s 8d. At the bottom of m. 5 the scribe provides a total of £74 6s 9d, but it is uncertain to what this refers.

## ACCOUNT

E 372/84 [1240], Rot. 9 m. 2; *Pipe Roll 1242*, 316; E 372/87 [1243], Rot. 10 m. 1d.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £162 1s 4d.

## Northumberland eyre

### Newcastle upon Tyne, 1240

Gilbert de Umfraville, Roger Bertram and Elias le Breton. The pipe roll names Gilbert de Umfraville.

## ESTREAT ROLL

E 101/534/4

The membranes are sewn together end to end.

m. 1, Amercements levied during the eyre of Gilbert de Umfraville, Roger Bertram and Elias le Breton at Newcastle upon Tyne 24 Henry III (1240). A total of 102 amerancements recorded, amounting to £20 12s 4d.

m. 1d, Note that nothing is now owed to the king because all outstanding amerancements have been pardoned.

mm. 2-3, Amercements levied during the eyre of Gilbert de Umfraville. A total of 216 amerancements recorded, amounting to £76 2d. At the bottom of m. 3 the scribe provides a total of £75 8s 9½d. It is not clear to what this refers.

## ACCOUNT

E 372/84 [1240], Rot. 12 m. 2d; E 372/85 [1241], Rot. 12 m. 2d; *Pipe Roll* 1242, 16; E 372/88 [1244], Rot. 5 m. 2; E 372/89 [1245], Rot. 6 m. 2d; E 372/90 [1246], Rot. 10 m. 1d.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £91 18s 9½d.

## Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire eyre 1240

The pipe roll names Robert de Ros.

## ACCOUNT

E 372/84 [1240], Rot. 1 mm. 2-1d; E 372/85 [1241], Rot. 11 m. 1d; *Pipe Roll* 1242, 92; E 372/87 [1243], Rot. 6 m. 2.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £146 9s 2½d.

## Shropshire eyre 1240

The pipe roll names John Biset.

## ACCOUNT

E 372/84 [1240], Rot. 7 m. 1; E 372/85 [1241], Rot. 1 m. 1.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £142 4s 5½d.

## Staffordshire eyre 1240

The pipe roll names John Biset.

## ACCOUNT

E 372/84 [1240], Rot. 7 m. 2; E 372/85 [1241], Rot. 1 m. 2.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £104 16s 6½d.

**Surrey eyre**

**1240**

The pipe roll names John Biset.

**ACCOUNT**

E 372/84 [1240], Rot. 9 m. 1d; E 372/85 [1241], Rot. 13 m. 1; E 372/88 [1244], Rot. 9 m. 2.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £33 5d.

**Wiltshire eyre**

**1240**

The pipe roll names John Biset.

**ACCOUNT**

E 372/84 [1240], Rot. 7 m. 2d; E 372/85 [1241], Rot. 8 m. 2d; *Pipe Roll 1242*, 171; E 372/87 [1243], Rot. 14 m. 1; E 372/92 [1248], Rot. 6 m. 1d; E 372/93 [1249], Rot. 14 m. 1.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £135 5s 9d.

**Worcestershire eyre**

**1240**

The pipe roll names John Biset.

**ACCOUNT**

E 372/84 [1240], Rot. 7 m. 2; E 372/87 [1243], Rot. 1 m. 2d; E 372/88 [1244], Rot. 11 m. 1d; E 372/89 [1245], Rot. 7 m. 2; E 372/90 [1246], Rot. 3 m. 2d.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £43 15s ½d.

## **Yorkshire eyre**

**1240**

Robert de Ros. The pipe roll also names Robert de Ros.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The eyre was probably concluded by 15 May 1241 (*CLR*, 1240-5, 51).

### **ACCOUNT**

E 372/84 [1240], Rot. 12 m. 1d; E 372/85 [1241], Rot. 12 m. 1d; *Pipe Roll* 1242, 40; E 372/87 [1243], Rot. 13 m. 1d; E 372/88 [1244], Rot. 3 m. 1d; E 372/92 [1248], Rot. 14 m. 1d.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £224 3s 4½d.

## **Cumberland eyre**

**1241**

The pipe roll names Robert de Ros.

### **ACCOUNT**

E 372/85 [1241], Rot. 14 m. 1; E 372/87 [1243], Rot. 6 m. 1d.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £114 19s 7½d.

## **Oxfordshire eyre**

**1241**

John Biset. The pipe roll also names John Biset.

### **ESTREAT ROLL**

E 101/119/1

The membranes are sewn together end to end.

m. 1, Amercements for offences against the vert and venison recorded during the eyre of John Biset and his associates. A total of 134 amerancements recorded, amounting to £37 4s 3d.

m. 1d, Note to the effect that the fines recorded were removed to another roll September 17 Edward II (1323) and that all amerancements and forfeited proceeds were pardoned.

m. 2, Payments for assarts and the sowing of crops. A total of 37 such entries recorded, with payments amounting to £17 15s 8d. Mixed in with these assarts are 6 entries relating variously to wastes, offences against the vert and the more general 'transgressions in the forest'. Payments for these 6 entries amount to £40 16s 8d. The scribe provides an incorrect total of £26 18d.

#### ACCOUNT

E 372/85 [1241], Rot. 7 m. 2d; E 372/87 [1243], Rot. 11 m. 2; E 372/88 [1244], Rot. 6 m. 2; E 372/89 [1245], Rot. 7 m. 2d.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £71 3s 7d.

#### **Berkshire eyre**

**1242**

The pipe roll names John Biset.

#### ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1242*, 68; E 372/88 [1244], Rot. 9 m. 1.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £62 5s 1d.

#### **Buckinghamshire eyre**

**1242**

The pipe roll names John Biset.



## ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1242*, 114; E 372/87 [1243], Rot. 14 m. 2d; E 372/88 [1244], Rot. 2 m. 1; E 372/90 [1246], Rot. 13 m. 2d; E 372/91 [1247], Rot. 6 m. 2d.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £37 15s 2d.

## Huntingdonshire eyre 1242

John Biset. The pipe roll also names John Biset.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The eyre was concluded by 16 March 1242 (*CLR*, 1240-5, 113).

## ACCOUNT

*Pipe Roll 1242*, 246; E 372/87 [1243], Rot. 11 m. 2d; E 372/88 [1244], Rot. 6 m. 2d.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £123 11s 8d.

## Essex eyre 1243

The pipe roll names Gilbert de Seagrave.

## ACCOUNT

E 372/87 [1243], Rot. 4 m. 2d; E 372/88 [1244], Rot. 7 m. 1d; E 372/93 [1249], Rot. 5 m. 1d; E 372/94 [1250], Rot. 15 m. 1d.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £140 15s 10d.

## Gloucestershire eyre Gloucester, 1244

Gilbert de Seagrave. The pipe roll also names Gilbert de Seagrave.

## SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS

A letter of 26 December 1241 records the appointment of John fitz Geoffrey, Roger de Essex, Richard de Harcourt and Thurstan le Despenser to hear pleas of the forest at Gloucester on 9 February 1242 (*CPR*, 1232-47, 291). There is, however, no evidence from the pipe rolls that this eyre was ever held. It may be significant that John fitz Geoffrey was replaced as justice of the forest south of the Trent on 1 April 1242 by Reginald de Mohun.<sup>145</sup> A letter of 30 September 1243 notifies the sheriff of Gloucestershire of a delay in the eyre due to have been held before Gilbert de Seagrave on 13 October 1243 (*CR*, 1242-7, 71).

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Gloucestershire eyre was probably concluded by 29 April 1245 (*CLR*, 1240-5, 300).

## ACCOUNT

E 372/88 [1244], Rot. 5 m. 2; E 372/89 [1245], Rot. 4 m. 2d; E 372/90 [1246], Rot. 7 m. 2d; E 372/94 [1250], Rot. 5 m. 2.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £74 7s ½d.

## The 1244-52 Visitation

The 1244 visitation is noted by Matthew Paris, who claims that many were reduced to poverty as a result of the indiscriminate application of the forest law.<sup>146</sup> Its effects must have been particularly devastating, coinciding as it did with a far-reaching investigation into assarts within the forest. It is clear that the visitation was planned to embrace all the forest counties, at least North of the Trent.<sup>147</sup> Robert Passelewe and Geoffrey de Langley presided, in association with the abbot of Abingdon, William de Beauchamp, Laurence de

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<sup>145</sup> See Turner, 'The justices of the forest south of the Trent', p. 114.

<sup>146</sup> *Chron. Maj.*, iv, pp. 400, 427.

<sup>147</sup> *CR*, 1247-51, 96.

St. Albans, John fitz Geoffrey, Roger de Somery, William de Forz, earl of Aumale, Hugh de Bolebec, Baldwin de Panton and Adam de Hilton.

I have made mention of instances where substantial payments for assarts are recorded. It should be noted, however, that similar inquiries took place in counties where pleas of the forest were not heard simultaneously, for example Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire, where payments of £25 8d are recorded on the pipe roll for 34 Henry III (1250).

### **Hampshire eyre**

#### **Winchester, 4 December 1244**

Robert Passelewe, John fitz Geoffrey, Geoffrey de Langley and Laurence de St. Albans. The pipe roll names Robert Passelewe.

### **SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS**

A letter of 14 November 1244 records the appointment of the justices in eyre for pleas of the forest in Hampshire (*CPR*, 1232-47, 462).

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Arrangements for payment of the justices were made 19 November 1244 (*CLR*, 1240-5, 278). There are reference to the issues of the eyre *ibid.*, 289, 297, 302 and *CLR*, 1245-51, 21-2, 30.

A letter of 21 April 1245 records a pardon for Geoffrey de Lisle (*CPR*, 1232-47, 451).

### **ACCOUNT**

E 372/89 [1245], Rot. 12 m. 2d; E 372/90 [1246], Rot. 12 m. 1d; E 372/91 [1247], Rot. 4 m. 2d; E 372/92 [1248], Rot. 12 m. 1d; E 372/94 [1250], Rot. 1 mm. 1d-2d; E 372/95 [1251], Rot. 19 m. 1; E 372/97 [1253], Rot. 16 m. 2d; E 372/98 [1254], Rot. 20 m. 2; E 372/138 [1293], Rot. 1 m. 2d; E 372/142 [1297], Rot. 7 m. 2.

Some of the entries recorded on E 372/90-1 and E 372/94-5 are payments for assarts.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £1513 11s 1d.

### **Northamptonshire eyre**

**Northampton, 24 April 1245**

The abbot of Abingdon, William de Beauchamp, Robert Passelewe, Geoffrey de Langley and Laurence de St. Albans. The pipe roll names Robert Passelewe.

### **SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS**

Writ of summons, dating from April 1245, for an eyre in the forests of Northamptonshire (*CR*, 1242-7, 350).

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

There is a reference to the issues of the eyre 10 June 1245 (*CLR*, 1240-5, 308). The entry suggests that Richard de Wrotham may have been involved with the eyre in some capacity. See also *ibid.*, 311 and *CLR*, 1245-51, 24.

### **ACCOUNT**

E 372/89 [1245], Rot. 8 m. 2; E 372/90 [1246], Rot. 11 m. 2; E 372/91 [1247], Rot. 13 mm. 2-1d; E 372/92 [1248], Rot. 8 m. 2; E 372/94 [1250], Rot. 4 m. 1d; E 372/96 [1252], Rot. 10 m. 2.

Some of the entries recorded on E 372/89-91 are payments for assarts, while E 372/90-1 also record fines for the recovery of woods seized into the king's hands.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £1285 1s 1½d.

### **Oxfordshire eyre**

**Oxford, 1 December 1245**

Robert Passelewe. The pipe roll also names Robert Passelewe.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

There is a reference to the issues of the eyre 10 January 1246 (*CLR*, 1245-51, 11). The entry suggests that Geoffrey de Langley and Laurence de St. Albans may have acted as justices in eyre for this county. See also *ibid.*, 19, 22, 33, 55, 61.

#### SUMMONS/APPOINTMENT

A letter of 10 November 1245 notes that an eyre has been commissioned in the forests of Oxfordshire (*CR*, 1242-7, 471).

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A letter of 20 January 1246 notes that John Briwer has paid a fine to be quit of offences brought before the justices in eyre for pleas of the forest in Oxfordshire (*CPR*, 1232-47, 472).

#### ESTREAT ROLL

E 137/37/1

M. 1 of this general estreat roll includes 4 entries relating to the forest eyre of Robert Passelewe. There are 2 payments for waste, 1 for an offence against the vert and 1 by a mainpernor, amounting in total to 16s 8d.

#### ACCOUNT

E 372/89 [1245], Rot. 7 m. 2d; E 372/90 [1246], Rot. 2 m. 2; E 372/91 [1247], Rot. 1 m. 2d.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £820 15s 5d. 1 of the entries on E 372/90 is drawn from Buckinghamshire.

#### **Buckinghamshire eyre**

**1245**

Robert Passelewe. The pipe roll also names Robert Passelewe.

#### SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS

A letter dating from April 1245 records the appointment of the justices in eyre for pleas of the forest in Buckinghamshire, but names only Robert Passelewe (*CR*, 1242-7, 352).

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The eyre was concluded by 14 February 1246 (*CLR*, 1245-51, 27). See also *ibid.*, 80.

#### ACCOUNT

E 372/89 [1245], Rot. 3 m. 2d; E 372/90 [1246], Rot. 13 m. 2d; E 372/91 [1247], Rot. 6 m. 2d and Rot. 11 m. 2d.

Some of the entries recorded on E 372/90 are fines for the recovery of woods seized into the king's hands, while E 372/91 records a number of payments for assarts.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £405 8½d.

#### **Berkshire eyre**

**1246**

Robert Passelewe. The pipe roll also names Robert Passelewe.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The eyre was probably concluded by 14 February 1246 (*CLR*, 1245-51, 27). The entry suggests that Geoffrey de Langley and Richard de Wrotham acted as justice in eyre for this county. See also *ibid.*, 33, 35.

However a letter of 13 February 1246 orders the justices to take note of a grant in favour of the prioress of Broomhall (*CR*, 1242-7, 393).

#### ACCOUNT

E 372/90 [1246], Rot. 2 m. 2d.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £1555 9s 4d. Most of this sum (2000 marks or £1333 6s 8d) is a single amercement levied on John de Neville 'for damage and destruction within the forest'.

### **Essex eyre**

#### **Chelmsford, 1246**

Robert Passelewe. The pipe roll also names Robert Passelewe.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

There is a reference to the issues of the eyre 20 October 1246 (*CLR*, 1245-51, 87). The entry suggests that Laurence de St. Albans and Richard de Wrotham acted as justices in eyre for this county. See also *ibid.*, 92, 113.

A letter of 29 July 1246 records a pardon for Hugh de Greenford (*CR*, 1242-7, 446). Interestingly, in a letter which probably dates from 1247, Robert Passelewe claims that he is unable to advise the king why the citizens of London were amerced at the eyre as the rolls are not available (SC 1/4, no. 132).

### **ACCOUNT**

E 372/91 [1247], Rot. 7 m. 2d; E 372/92 [1248], Rot. 9 m. 2d; E 372/93 [1249], Rot. 5 mm. 1d-2d; E 372/94 [1250], Rot. 15 m. 2d; E 372/96 [1252], Rot. 16 m. 2d.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £863 11½d.

### **Surrey eyre**

#### **1246**

The pipe roll names Robert Passelewe.

### **ACCOUNT**

E 372/90 [1246], Rot. 8 m. 2; E 372/91 [1247], Rot. 10 m. 1d.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £126 6s 9d.

## **Wiltshire eyre**

**1246**

Robert Passelewe. The pipe roll also names Robert Passelewe.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The eyre was probably concluded by 20 October 1246 (*CLR*, 1245-51, 86-7)

There is a reference to the issues of the eyre 27 January 1246 (*ibid.*, 61-2).

See also *ibid.*, 65, 94, 96, 99. The entries suggest that Geoffrey de Langley, Richard de Wrotham and Laurence de St. Albans acted as justices in eyre for the county.

A letter of 27 June 1246 instructs Robert Passelewe to grant 20 marks (£13 6s 8d) from the proceeds of his Wiltshire eyre to the abbess of Tarrant (*CR*, 1242-7, 435).

### **PLEA ROLL FRAGMENT**

**E 32/348**

The P.R.O. catalogue describes this as a portion of a plea roll dating from the reign of Edward I but it is far more likely that the fragment dates from the reign of Henry III. Unfortunately none of the entries on the roll is dated, but two in particular are suggestive of this earlier date. It is stated that Nicholas de Columbers enclosed the wood of 'Chellesbury' some time during the reign of John. At the time of the investigation the wood had passed into the hands of Avicia de Columbers, who died in 1259. The roll also contains a reference to the king being at war with Wales, and more particularly Geoffrey Esturmy's involvement in the conflict. Geoffrey was taken by the Welsh during Henry's campaign of 1245 (*CPR*, 1232-47, 461) and was certainly dead by 12 May 1246 (*Ibid.*, 480).



m. 1, Amercements for offences against the vert in the demesne land in Savernake. A total of approximately 112 entries recorded, 8 of which have been struck through. It is impossible to be more precise because the bottom of the membrane is missing.

m. 1d, Amercements for offences against the vert. A total of 12 entries recorded; Enclosures of woods, 2 in total; Prises by the foresters. It is possible to make out 4 entries, the last 2 of which may be findings of the Savernake jurors. Damage to the membrane makes it impossible to be more specific. 1 of the entries relates to the collection of chiminage, 1 to charcoal burning, 1 to the sale of an ash tree and 1 to the appropriation of windfallen wood. This last entry deals with illegal activity since the coronation of Henry III, providing further evidence as to date.

m. 2, Findings of the Savernake jurors. A total of 16 entries recorded, dealing with the rights of foresters; Findings of the jurors with regard to the claims of John de Fortesbury. A total of 9 entries recorded.

m. 2d, Findings of the jurors with regard to the claims of Richard de Hareden. A total of 5 entries recorded; Findings of the jurors with regard to the claims of William the hunter. A total of 5 entries recorded; Metes and bounds of the bailiwick of Savernake. At the bottom of the membrane it is noted that there is no information regarding the claims of Geoffrey Esturmy as he is fighting with the king in Wales. A schedule dated 43 Henry III (1258-9) is attached to the right hand edge of the membrane. It deals with the conflicting claims of Avicia de Columbers and Henry Esturmy in the bailiwick of 'Huppingscumb' and was probably added to the original roll at a later date.

#### ACCOUNT

E 372/90 [1246], Rot. 5 m. 1d; E 372/91 [1247], Rot. 9 m. 2; E 372/92 [1248], Rot. 6 m. 2d.

Some of the entries recorded on E 372/91 and all of those on E 372/92 are payments for assarts.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £1210 7s 2½d.

## **Gloucestershire eyre**

**Gloucester, 14 January 1247**

Robert Passelewe and Geoffrey de Langley. The pipe roll names Robert Passelewe.

### **SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS**

Writ of summons, dating from October or November 1246, for an eyre in the forests of Gloucestershire (*CR*, 1242-7, 542).

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

There is a reference to the issues of the eyre 7 February 1247 (*CLR*, 1245-51, 105).

### **ACCOUNT**

E 372/91 [1247], Rot. 12 m. 2d; E 372/92 [1248], Rot. 2 m. 2d; E 372/94 [1250], Rot. 5 m. 1d; E 372/98 [1254], Rot. 1 m. 2; E 372/137 [1292], Rot. 5 m. 1d; E 372/140 [1295], Rot. 18 m. 1d.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £1415 8s 7½d. Most of this sum (£520 18s) is a single amercement levied on John de Monmouth.

## **Worcestershire eyre**

**Worcester, 11 November 1247**

The pipe roll names Robert Passelewe.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

There is a reference to the issues of the eyre 20 May 1248 (*CLR*, 1245-51, 183). The justices were in session at Worcester from 11 November until 6 December 1247 (*Annales Monastici*, ed. H.R. Luard, 5 vols. (Rolls ser., 1864-9), iv, p. 438).

## ACCOUNT

E 372/92 [1248], Rot. 18 m. 2d; E 372/93 [1249], Rot. 15 m. 2d; E 372/95 [1251], Rot. 10 m. 2d and Rot. 18 m. 2d; E 372/96 [1252], Rot. 2 m. 1; E 372/98 [1254], Rot. 4 m. 2.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £149 3s 9d.

## **Dorset and Somerset eyre 1247-8**

Geoffrey de Langley. The pipe roll names Robert Passelewe.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Somerset eyre was envisaged 21 May 1247 (*CLR*, 1245-51, 124), while the Dorset eyre was probably concluded by 17 July 1248 (*ibid.*, 193). There is a reference to the issues of the Somerset eyre 21 June 1247 (*ibid.*, 129) and those of the Dorset eyre 18 July 1247 (*ibid.*, 133). It would appear that William le Breton acted as one of the justices in eyre for Dorset (*ibid.*, 133). For both counties see *ibid.*, 199.

A letter of 27 May 1250 orders the sheriffs of the 2 counties to collect all monies derived from the forest eyre before Geoffrey de Langley [*sic*] and deliver them to Richard, earl of Cornwall, in part payment of the king's debt (*CR*, 1247-51, 285).

## ACCOUNT

E 372/93 [1249], Rot. 6 m. 2d; E 372/96 [1252], Rot. 9 m. 1d; E 372/97 [1253], Rot. 18m. 1d; E 372/121 [1277], Rot. 3 m. 2d; E 372/128 [1284], Rot. 19 m. 2d; E 372/136 [1291], Rot. 12 m. 2d; E 372/137 [1292], Rot. 15 m. 2d; E 372/150 [1305], Rot. 8 m. 1d.

The single entry recorded on E 372/150 appears in the account for Devon.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £955 15s 1d.

## **Staffordshire eyre**

## **1247**

The pipe roll names Robert Passelewe. [This eyre is noted in *V.C.H. Staffordshire*, ii, p. 337].

### **SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS**

Letter, dated 20 November 1247, to the effect that the forest eyre in Staffordshire is to be completed before the visitation of Roger de Thirkleby for all pleas (*CR*, 1247-51, 96). The eyre was probably in session in December 1247 (*CR*, 1247-51, p. 102).

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The eyre was probably concluded by 7 January 1248 (*CLR*, 1245-51, 159-60). There is a reference to the issues of the eyre 11 June 1248 (*ibid.*, 188). A letter of 27 May 1250 orders the sheriff of Staffordshire to collect all monies derived from the forest eyre before Geoffrey de Langley [*sic*] and deliver them to Richard, earl of Cornwall, in part payment of the king's debt (*CR*, 1247-51, p. 285).

### **ACCOUNT**

E 372/93 [1249], Rot. 6 m. 1d; E 372/94 [1250], Rot. 14 m. 2d; E 372/95 [1251], Rot. 5 m. 1d; E 372/96 [1252], Rot. 11 m. 1; E 372/99 [1255], Rot. 10 m. 1d; E 372/141 [1296], Rot. 20 m. 2d.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £318 14s 10d.

## **Rutland eyre**

## **1249**

The pipe roll names Geoffrey de Langley.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The eyre was probably concluded by 13 October 1249 (*CLR*, 1245-51, 263). There is a reference to the issues of the eyre 16 October 1249 (*ibid.*, 256).

## ESTREAT ROLL

E 389/97

The membranes are stitched together end to end and in all cases the dorse is blank.

m. 1, [This membrane is damaged and very dirty and consequently difficult to read]. Assarts without the demesne in the county of Rutland. A total of 53 entries recorded, with payments amounting to approximately £42 16s 4d.

m. 2, Amercements of the vert within the demesne in the county of Rutland. A total of 52 amerancements recorded, amounting to £17 5s 8d.

m. 3, Amercements of the vert within the demesne. A total of 62 amerancements recorded, amounting to £8 13s 8d; Revenue derived from those captured for the wounding of foresters. A total of 13 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £17 8s 4d.

m. 4, Amercements of the vert without the demesne. A total of 10 amerancements recorded, amounting to £2 1s 8d; Fines for the waste of woods and for the recovery of woods seized into the king's hands. A total of 36 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £15 19s 10d; Agistment in the forest of Rutland for the years 23-9 Henry III (1238-9 to 1244-5). Payments amount to £8 14s 11d. There are also 5 further payments for pannage, amounting to £3 2s 11d.

m. 5, Amercements and redemptions for offences against the venison. A total of 77 amerancements recorded, amounting to £117 2s 8d.

m. 6, Amercements and redemptions for offences against the venison. A total of 58 amerancements recorded, amounting to £200 18s.

m. 7, Amercements for the possession of dogs in the forest without warrant. A total of 8 amerancements recorded, with payments amounting to £27 10s 8d.

m. 8, Regard in the forest of Rutland. There is a list of 19 assarts and purprestures, with payments amounting to £10 12s 10¼d.

m. 9, Regard in the forest of Rutland. Payments relating to pigs and other animals in the forest. A total of 6 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £5 2s 6d; Amercements for novel disseisin before Geoffrey de Langley and his associates at Stamford on 1 August 1249. A total of 6 amerancements recorded under this heading, 4 for disseisin, 1 for respite of same and 1 for a false claim. Payments amount to £19 13s 4d; Amercements relating to assarts in the forest of Leicestershire and fines for the sowing of crops thereon or to retain the said assarts quit of all payments in perpetuity. A total of 20 amerancements recorded, amounting to £29 5s 4d; Fines and amerancements levied for woods wasted in the county of Leicestershire and for the seizure of oak trees in the royal demesne without warrant. A total of 2 entries recorded, with payments amounting to 15s 4d.

m. 10, Fines and amerancements levied for woods wasted in the county of Leicestershire and for the seizure of oak trees in the royal demesne without warrant. A total of 20 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £55 18s 4d; List of 21 miscellaneous entries relating to the vert in the forest of Rutland. The offences range from the failure to present a woodward before the justices to the illegal sale of brushwood. Payments amount to £85.

m. 11, Redemptions and amerancements for offences against the venison in Leicestershire. A total of 24 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £32 12s.

m. 12, Amerancements of the vert in Leicestershire. A total of 52 amerancements recorded, amounting to £5 8s 4d.

m. 13, Amerancements for defaults in the Rutland. A total of 64 amerancements recorded, amounting to £49 19s.

m. 14, A single amerancement of £3 6s 8d for a default. The scribe then provides a total of £193 9s 2d for Rutland; Amerancements for defaults in Leicestershire. A total of 42 amerancements recorded, amounting to £33 7s 4d.

## ACCOUNT

E 372/93 [1249], Rot. 2 m. 1d; E 372/94 [1250], Rot. 8 m. 1d; E 372/98 [1254], Rot. 11 m. 1.

All of the entries recorded on E 372/94 appear in the account for Warwickshire and Leicestershire. Some of the entries recorded on E 372/93 are payments for assarts.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £618 9s 4d.

### **Shropshire eyre**

**1249**

Geoffrey de Langley and Roger de Somery.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

There eyre was probably concluded by 2 January 1250 (*CLR*, 1245-51, 270).

There is a reference to the issues of the eyre 6 November 1249 (*ibid.*, 261).

See also *ibid.*, 271, 295 and *CLR*, 1251-60, 51.

A letter of 27 May 1250 orders the sheriff of Shropshire to collect all monies derived from the forest eyre before Geoffrey de Langley and deliver them to Richard, earl of Cornwall, in part payment of the king's debt (*CR*, 1247-51, 285).

#### **ESTREAT ROLL**

**E 101/533/16**

This roll is so detailed that it almost constitutes a plea roll.

The membranes are sewn together end to end.

m. 1, Fines, amercements and redemptions levied during the eyre of Roger de Somery, Geoffrey de Langley and their associates 34 Henry III (1249-50).

Amercements for defaults. A total of 108 amercements recorded, amounting to approximately £70 5s. The total is only approximate because the right hand edge of the membrane is in very poor condition and the sums levied are consequently difficult to read; Payments for assarts in the demesne. A total of 4 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £7 9s 10d.

m. 1d, Note to the effect that the fines recorded were removed to another roll September 12 Edward II (1318-19) and that all amercements were pardoned.

m. 2, Payments for assarts in the demesne. A total of 9 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £6 3s 2½d; Payments for assarts outside the demesne. A total of 120 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £101 12s 8d.

m. 3, Miscellaneous amercements. A total of 97 amercements recorded, amounting to £35 9s 6d. At the bottom of this membrane the scribe provides a total of £115 12s 7½d. It is not clear to what this refers.

m. 4, Miscellaneous amercements. A total of 46 amercements recorded, amounting to £33 4d. Miscellaneous fines. A total of 14 entries, with payments amounting to £127; Agistment in Shirlet hay for the years 25-34 Henry III (1240-1 to 1249-50), amounting to £10 11d. Revenue derived from honey found in Shirlet hay and payments for the escape of animals for the years 25-34 Henry III (1240-1 to 1249-50). Payments amount to £5 4½d; Agistment in Wellington hay for the years 21-30 Henry III (1236-7 to 1245-6), amounting to £3 14s 7d; Agistment in Morf hay 25-34 Henry III (1240-1 to 1249-50), amounting to £3 19s 6½d; Agistment in Lythwood hay for the years 25-34 Henry III (1240-1 to 1249-50), amounting to £10 3s 11½d; Payments for the escape of animals in Lythwood hay 25-34 Henry III (1240-1 to 1249-50), amounting to 13s; Agistment in Bushmoor and Hawkhurst hays 25-34 Henry III (1240-1 to 1249-50), amounting to £2 10s 6d; Payments for the escape of animals in Bushmoor and Hawkhurst hays, amounting to £1 7s 4d; There are then 4 further entries relating to the escape of animals, with payments amounting to £1 12s; Amercements for the levying of buildings within the forest. A total of 26 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £17 3s 8d.

m. 5, Information relating to the sale and waste of wood. A total of 42 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £48 13s 8d; Information relating to the sale and possession of windfallen wood. A total of 8 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £5 10s 4d.

m. 6, Amercements for offences against the venison. A total of 84 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £148 6s 4d. At the bottom of this



membrane the scribe provides a total of £268 6s 4d. It is uncertain to what this refers.

m. 7, Amercements for offences against the venison. A total of 42 amerancements recorded, amounting to £206 3s; Amercements for the possession of dogs in the forest. A total of 28 amerancements recorded, amounting to £54 8d; Amercements for offences against the vert. A total of 7 amerancements recorded, amounting to £1 3s 8d.

mm. 8-11, Amercements for offences against the vert. A total of 343 amerancements recorded, amounting to £38 17s 8d. At the bottom of m. 11 the scribe provides a total of £96 10s 8d. It is uncertain to what this refers.

m. 12, Revenue owed by the foresters in fee. A total of 61 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £60 2s 4d.

mm. 13-15, Payments for assarts and the sowing of crops. A total of 341 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £35 10s 6½d.

m. 16, Payments for assarts and the sowing of crops. A total of 76 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £134 13s 7½d; Miscellaneous entries, 3 in total, with payments amounting to £180. The scribe provides a total of £45 10s 9½d and an overall total of £526 5d. It is uncertain to what these refer.

m. 17, Assarts arrented during the eyre of Roger de Somery, Geoffrey de Langley and their associates 34 Henry III (1249-50). A total of 2 entries in the demesne and 5 outside, with payments of 14s 3d and £1 2s 9¾d. There is a final entry relating to the assarts of the prior of Wenlock. He owes the sum of 5 marks [£3 6s 8d] per year for 12 assarts.

## ACCOUNT

E 372/94 [1250], Rot. 14 m. 1d; E 372/95 [1251], Rot. 5 m. 2; E 372/96 [1252], Rot. 18 m. 2d; E 372/103 [1259], Rot. 12 m. 1d.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £943 10s.

## Herefordshire eyre

1250

Geoffrey de Langley. The pipe roll also names Geoffrey de Langley.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The eyre was envisaged 24 January 1250 (*CLR*, 1245-51, 275) and probably concluded by 5 March 1250 (*ibid.*, 279).

For the adjournment of a case from the eyre *coram rege* see *CR*, 1247-51, 351. Letters of 29 August and 18 October 1250 temporarily relieve the heirs of Hugh de Kilpeck of the financial demands made upon him by the sheriff of Herefordshire as a result of the aforementioned eyre (*CR*, 1247-51, pp. 318, 336).

#### ACCOUNT

E 372/94 [1250], Rot. 13 m. 2; E 372/95 [1251], Rot. 1 m. 2d; E 372/96 [1252], Rot. 13 m. 2d; E 372/97 [1253], Rot. 5 m. 1d; E 372/101 [1257], Rot. 2 m. 2; E 372/138 [1293], Rot. 11 m. 2.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £347 2s 2d.

#### **Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire eyre 1250**

Geoffrey de Langley. The pipe roll also names Geoffrey de Langley. [This eyre is noted in *V.C.H. Nottinghamshire*, i, p. 368].

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

An eyre was envisaged in Nottinghamshire, and probably also therefore in Derbyshire, (see below pp. 425-6) on 22 October 1250 (*CLR*, 1245-51, 310) and was apparently in progress in both counties in December (*CPR*, 1247-58, 83). Pleas for Nottinghamshire were probably concluded by 30 January 1251 (*CLR*, 1245-51, 331) and for Derbyshire as well by 27 April (*CLR*, 1245-51, 348). A letter of 21 January 1251 instructs Geoffrey de Langley, after he has finished his Nottinghamshire eyre, to go to hear the pleas of the forest of

Dartmoor, which would seem to imply that the eyre was still then in progress (*CR*, 1247-51, 527, where *Junii* is clearly a mistake for January). Dr. Crook suggest that the eyre took place in December 1250 and January 1251 (Crook, 'The struggle over forest boundaries in Nottinghamshire', 40). For other references to the issues of the eyre see *CLR*, 1245-51, 334-5, 348 and *CLR*, 1251-60, 16.

During the eyre the men who held lands in the Clay and the other deforested parts of the 2 counties offered a fine of 300 marks to be quit of common summons of the eyre, although they also secured a letter patent (on 29 December 1250) stating that this fine should not prejudice their existing liberties (*CPR*, 1247-58, 83). For the full story and its significance, with full references, see Crook, 'The struggle over forest boundaries in Nottinghamshire', 40.

## PLEA ROLL

DL 39/1/3

This roll only covers the pleas for the forest of the Peak in Derbyshire. [See Crook, 'The establishment of the Derbyshire county court, 1256', *Derbyshire Archaeological Journal*, ciii (1983), 100; and for a brief summary of the information contained on the roll, see *V.C.H. Derbyshire*, i, pp. 401-3]. The roll provides no precise date for the eyre.

The P.R.O. numbering differs from that below because it does not count the first membrane.

m. 1, Inquiry to establish the boundary between the king's demesne and the land of the abbot of Basingwerk at Glossop and to deal with the resulting dispute over trees cut down by the abbot's men.

m. 1d, Blank.

m. 2, [This membrane has been sewn into the roll upside down and consequently reads from bottom to top]. Pleas of venison in Derbyshire. Names 36 jurors responsible for presenting the pleas with an unspecified number of foresters and verderers. A total of 7 entries recorded.

m. 2d, Pleas of venison in the forest of the Peak. A total of 6 entries recorded. [The pleas on mm. 2-2d are adjourned to Nottingham].

m. 3, Pleas of venison in Derbyshire. A total of 9 entries recorded. There is also a note relating to the failure of a forest official to perform his duties.

m. 3d, Pleas of venison in Derbyshire. A total of 6 entries recorded.

m. 4, Pleas of venison in Derbyshire. A total of 5 entries recorded; 2 amercements for default, with payments amounting to £8 6s 8d.

m. 4d, Pleas of venison. A total of 10 entries recorded, the last of which appears on an additional piece of parchment attached to the bottom of the membrane. 2 of the entries in fact deal with the legal capture of deer.

m. 5, Pleas of venison in the forest of the Peak. A total of 8 entries recorded.

m. 5d, Pleas of venison in the forest of the Peak. A total of 8 entries recorded. 2 additional entries deal with the payment of a fine and the sale of maritagge.

m. 6, Pleas of venison in the forest of the Peak. A total of 6 entries recorded. An additional entry concerns the illegal revelation of court proceedings by Richard le Ragged.

m. 6d, Details of trespasses committed in parks and vineyards. A total of 5 entries recorded, including a note of a letter sent to Geoffrey de Langley on the subject of the large number of malefactors held in prison. He is ordered to release them if they can provide sufficient surety, in accordance with ancient custom and the law of the forest.

m. 7, Pleas of the vert in the king's demesne in the forest of the Peak. A total of 67 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £63 13s 4d [The scribe's total of £60 10s 10d is not correct].

m. 7d, Pleas of vert without the demesne. A total of 18 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £2 14s 7d [The scribe's total of £14 15s 4d is not correct].

m. 8, Assarts in the forest of the Peak. A total of 23 entries recorded.

m. 8d, Assarts in the forest of the Peak. A total of 20 entries recorded. At the bottom of this membrane the scribe gives a total of £68 18s 4d.

m. 9, Assarts in the forest of the Peak. A total of 5 entries recorded; List of the heirs of verderers failing to produce their fathers' rolls before the justices. A

total of 15 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £3 6s 4d; There are then 2 entries relating to the failure of forest officials to attend proceedings, with payments amounting to £1.

m. 9d, Names of agisters amerced for failing to present their rolls in accordance with the Assize of the Forest. A total of 26 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £7 2s.

m. 10, Assarts in the forest of the Peak. A total of 29 entries recorded.

m. 10d, Assarts in the forest of the Peak. A total of 33 entries recorded. At the bottom of this membrane the scribe gives a total of £6 7s.

m. 11, Assarts in the forest of the Peak. A total of 25 entries recorded.

m. 11d, Assarts in the forest of the Peak. A total of 31 entries recorded.

m. 12, Assarts in the forest of the Peak. A total of 29 entries recorded.

m. 12d, Assarts in the forest of the Peak. A total of 12 entries recorded. At the bottom of this membrane the scribe gives a total of 7s.

m. 13, Information relating to customary payments in the forest of the Peak, whether pleas of the vert or revenue from turbaries and minerals. The first entry on this membrane outlines the procedure for the attachment of offenders against the vert and the venison and the hearing of pleas.

Procedure has been altered because the forest is now in the hands of the king rather than the earl of Derby. There are then 6 entries relating to the revenue derived from turbaries and minerals within the forest.

m. 13d, Information relating to customary payments in the forest of the Peak. A total of 8 entries recorded, 7 referring to revenue derived from turbaries and 1 to a quarry in the forest. The scribe gives a total of £10 6s 7¾d; Revenue derived from payments for the escape of animals into the forest. Payments amount to £65; Information relating to the extortions of forest officials. A total of 2 entries recorded, noting damage to the forest to the value of £1 6s 8d.

m. 14, Information relating to the rights and holdings of the foresters in fee in the county of Derbyshire. The names of 5 foresters in the bailiwick of Campana whose ancestors were enfeoffed by William Peverel are recorded. There is information relating to the holdings of 4 of them. There are also

entries relating to 4 foresters in fee in the bailiwick of Longdendale whose ancestors were enfeoffed by William Peverel.

m. 14d, Information relating to the rights and holdings of the foresters in fee in the forest of the Peak. There are entries relating to 7 foresters in fee in the bailiwick of Hopedale whose ancestors were enfeoffed by William Peverel.

m. 15, Details of horses kept within the forest bounds. A total of 5 entries recorded; Details of animals escaping into the forest. A total of 5 entries recorded.

m. 15d, Blank.

m. 16, Information relating to the exactions of the keepers of the forest of the Peak. A total of 8 entries recorded, primarily payments for pannage and herbage. The scribe gives a total of £739 10s [This should in fact be £740 10s]; 2 entries relating to the sale of the maritagium and wardship of the heirs of foresters in fee.

m. 16d, Information relating to the exactions of the keepers of the forest of the Peak. A total of 14 entries recorded, detailing the cutting down of 12,421 oak trees and brushwood to the value of £580 10s 6d. [The scribe provides a total of £1,320 6d, although it is not clear to what this relates]. There is then an entry relating to holly, worth £20, removed from the demesne hays by the keeper of the forest. Long-term damage resulting to the forest is assessed at £100 over 10 years.

m. 17, Wastes in the forest of the Peak. A total of 8 entries recorded, 3 relating to woods in the demesne; There are then 3 entries recording amercements, 2 for failure to attend and 1 for revealing the counsel of the court. Payments amount to £3 13s 4d; Information relating to buildings raised within the forest of the Peak. A total of 41 entries recorded, with payments amounting to 19s [The scribe gives a total of 9s]. An additional entry relates to the buildings of the abbot of Merevale, with an annual farm of £6 13s 4d.

m. 17d, Information relating to buildings raised within the forest of the Peak. A total of 90 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £1 15s 8d [The scribe gives a total of £2 7s 8d].

- m. 18, Information relating to buildings raised in the forest of the Peak without the demesne. A total of 6 entries recorded, with payments amounting to 2s; Information relating to buildings raised in the forest of the Peak within the demesne and with the permission of the keeper. A total of 18 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £1 12s 8d.
- m. 18d, Information relating to buildings raised in the forest of the Peak within the demesne. A total of 28 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £1 8s 8d [The scribe gives a total of £2 3s].
- m. 19, Information relating to buildings raised in the forest of the Peak within the demesne. A total of 37 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £1 10s.
- m. 19d, Information relating to buildings raised in the forest of the Peak within the demesne. A total of 42 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £1 12s [The scribe gives a total of £1 2s].
- m. 20, Purprestures in the forest of the Peak within the demesne. A total of 38 entries recorded; There is a single entry relating to the failure of the abbot of Merevale to attend.
- m. 20d, Purprestures in the forest of the Peak within the demesne. A total of 46 entries recorded.
- m. 21, Purprestures in the forest of the Peak within the demesne. A total of 38 entries recorded.
- m. 21d, Purprestures in the forest of the Peak within the demesne. A total of 33 entries recorded.
- m. 22, Purprestures in the forest of the Peak within the demesne. A total of 43 entries recorded.
- m. 22d, Purprestures in the forest of the Peak within the demesne. A total of 41 entries recorded.
- m. 23, Purprestures in the forest of the Peak within the demesne. A total of 45 entries recorded.
- m. 23d, Purprestures in the forest of the Peak within the demesne. A total of 43 entries recorded.

m. 24, Purprestures in the forest of the Peak within the demesne. A total of 30 entries recorded.

m. 24d, Blank.

#### ACCOUNT

E 372/95 [1251], Rot. 20 m. 2d and Rot. 21 m. 2d; E 372/96 [1252], Rot. 1 m. 1d; E 372/98 [1254], Rot. 2 mm. 1d-2d; E 372/99 [1255], Rot. 11 m. 1d; E 372/100 [1256], Rot. 7 m. 2.

Some of the entries recorded on E 372/98 are payments for assarts.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £1588 12s 7d.

#### **Yorkshire eyre**

**1250**

Geoffrey de Langley. The pipe roll also names Geoffrey de Langley.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The eyre was concluded by 6 September 1251 (*CLR*, 1245-51, 374). There is a reference to the issues of the eyre 6 February 1251 (*ibid.*, 333). See also *CLR*, 1251-60, 408.

2 named individuals, Robert de Ros and John de Crachal, are exempt from the common summons (*CR*, 1247-51, 356). A letter of 4 November 1252 records a pardon in the name of Osbert de Bolebec (*CR*, 1251-3, 273).

#### ACCOUNT

E 372/94 [1250], Rot. 3 m. 1 and Rot. 6 m. 2d; E 372/95 [1251], Rot. 1 m. 1d and Rot. 15 m. 2d; E 372/96 [1252], Rot. 2 m. 2d; E 372/97 [1253], Rot. 19 m. 2d; E 372/99 [1255], Rot. 16 m. 1d.

Some of the entries recorded on E 372/95 are payments for assarts.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £2507 1s 8d.

#### **Cumberland eyre**



## **Carlisle, 1251**

William de Forz, earl of Aumale, Geoffrey de Langley, Hugh de Bolebec and Baldwin de Panton. The pipe roll names Geoffrey de Langley.

### **SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS**

A letter of 25 July 1251 notes that an eyre has been commissioned, but names only Geoffrey de Langley (*CR*, 1247-51, 552). The appointment of the justices is recorded in a letter of 3 September 1251 (*CPR*, 1247-58, 107). A second letter of the same date informs the sheriff that, although pleas were due to be heard on 30 September, they are now to be brought before Geoffrey de Langley at Carlisle on a day of which he will inform the sheriff (*CR*, 1247-51, 497).

A letter of 17 October 1251 suggests that William Trussel and Nicholas de Romsey may also have acted as justice in eyre for pleas of the forest (*CLR*, 1245-51, 381).

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The eyre was envisaged 17 October 1251 (*CLR*, 1245-51, 381) and was probably concluded by 29 December 1251 (*CLR*, 1251-60, 12). There is a reference to the issues of the eyre 12 December 1251 (*ibid.*, 10).

Finally, a letter of 25 January 1252 records arrangements for the collection of revenue derived from the eyre (*CR*, 1251-3, 41).

### **ACCOUNT**

E 372/96 [1252], Rot. 12 m. 2d; E 372/98 [1254], Rot. 5 mm. 1-2; E 372/141 [1296], Rot. 21 m. 2; E 372/143 [1298], Rot. 19 m. 1d.

Some of the entries recorded on E 372/98 are payments for assarts.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £413 1s 11½d.

## **Lancashire eyre**

**Lancaster, 29 October 1251**

William de Forz, earl of Aumale, Geoffrey de Langley, Hugh de Bolebec and Baldwin de Panton. The pipe roll names Geoffrey de Langley.

[This eyre is noted in *V.C.H. Lancashire*, ii, p. 441].

#### SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS

A letter of 25 July 1251 notes that an eyre for pleas of the forest has been summoned in Lancaster, but names only Geoffrey de Langley (*CR*, 1247-51, 552). A letter dating from 4 August 1251 allows Geoffrey de Langley to hold pleas of the forest on behalf of the earl of Derby between the Ribble and the Mersey (*CR*, 1247-51, 553). The appointment of the justices is recorded on the patent roll in a letter of 3 September 1251 (*CPR*, 1247-58, 107). A letter of the same date informs the sheriff that all attachments and summonses of pleas of the forest which were to have come before Geoffrey de Langley on a date to be given, are now to come before him and his associates at Lancaster on 29 October 1251 (*CR*, 1247-51, 497).

A letter of 17 October 1251 suggests that William Trussel and Nicholas de Romsey may also have acted as justice in eyre for pleas of the forest (*CLR*, 1245-51, 381).

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

There is a reference to the issues of the forthcoming eyre 4 September 1251 (*CLR*, 1245-51, 374) and it was probably concluded by 5 January 1252 (*CLR*, 1251-60, 14). See also *CLR*, 1245-51, 381 and *CLR*, 1251-60, 13, 15, 62. A letter of 25 January 1252 records arrangements for the collection of revenue derived from the eyre (*CR*, 1251-3, 41-2).

#### ACCOUNT

E 372/95 [1251], Rot. 16 m. 2; E 372/97 [1253], Rot. 11 m. 1.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £457 13s 4d.

#### Northumberland eyre

## 1252

Geoffrey de Langley, Hugh de Bolebec and Adam de Hilton. The pipe roll names Geoffrey de Langley.

### SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS

A letter of 8 June 1250 notes that Hugh de Bolebec and Adam de Hilton have been associated with Geoffrey de Langley to hear pleas of the forest in Northumberland (*CPR*, 1247-58, 78).

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Confirmation that the eyre was envisaged 8 June 1250 appears in the *Liberate* Rolls (*CLR*, 1245-51, 291).

### ACCOUNT

E 372/96 [1252], Rot. 11 m. 1d; E 372/97 [1253], Rot. 1 m. 2.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £720 2½d.

### The 1255-8 Visitation

This visitation was presided over by William le Breton, associated with Nicholas de Romsey, Geoffrey de Lewknor, Simon de Thrupp, Robert Walerand and Alexander de Montfort. The first stage (Buckinghamshire, Huntingdonshire, Northamptonshire and Oxfordshire) was set out in a writ of 21 May 1255 (*CR*, 1254-6, 193) and the next stage (Berkshire, Essex, Rutland and Surrey) in a writ of 28 January 1256 (*ibid.*, 388-9).

### Huntingdonshire Eyre

#### Huntingdon, 6 June 1255

William le Breton, Nicholas de Romsey, Geoffrey de Lewknor and Simon de Thrupp. The pipe roll names William le Breton.

## SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS

Writ of summons, dated 21 May 1255, for an eyre in the forests of Huntingdonshire (*CR*, 1254-6, 193). The appointment of the justices is also recorded on the patent roll in a letter of 1 June 1255 (*CPR*, 1247-58, 412).

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A single named individual, the abbot of Peterborough, is exempt from the common summons (*CR*, 1254-6, 194).

## PLEA ROLL

E 32/41

[The entries recorded on mm. 1-1d and 6-6d are printed in full in Turner, *Select Pleas*, pp. 11-25, while some of the entries on m. 5d are noted (*ibid.*, pp. 25-6). Turner is using the old ink membrane numbering rather than the modern pencil and thus has m. 6 rather than m. 1, m. 5 rather than m. 6 and m. 4 rather than m. 5].

m. 1, 4 verderers amerced for failure to present their rolls on the first day of proceedings; Pleas of venison. A total of 12 entries recorded.

m. 1d, Pleas of venison. A total of 11 entries recorded. The scribe provides a total of £34 17s.

m. 2, Amercements for defaults, arranged on a hundred basis. A total of 65 amercements recorded, amounting to £54 10s 4d.

m. 2d, Blank.

m. 3, Pleas of the vert. A total of 76 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £17 6s 8d.

m. 3d, Details of oaks cut down by royal writ in the time of Hugh de Goldingham (23), Robert Basset (21), Geoffrey de Mortimer (14), Simon de Copmanford (13), William de Northampton (41) and Robert Passelewe (9).

m. 4, List of wastes. A total of 31 entries.

m. 4d, A list of 7 assarts and purprestures

m. 5, Details of beasts captured in the forest without licence. A total of 38 animals caught during Hugh de Goldingham's custodianship; Details of

beasts granted by royal writ. Hugh de Goldingham was responsible for the donation of 74 animals, Robert Basset for 39, Geoffrey de Mortimer for 35, Simon de Copmanford for 55 and William de Northampton for 28. In some of these cases a number of beasts were taken over and above the limit of the grant.

m. 5d, 12 entries relating to the possession of dogs in the forest; Sale of windfallen wood amounting to 16s 8d; Payment of 19s 6d for the escape of livestock into Weybridge and Sapley forests; Agistment in Weybridge and Sapley forests. There are entries for the years 31-9 Henry III (1246-7 to 1254-55); 2 claims to herbage; Distrain for non-production of verderers rolls. The scribe provides a total of £6 6s for amercements.

m. 6, Pleas of venison. A total of 11 pleas recorded; Amercements of regards for failure to produce rolls on the first day of proceedings.

m. 6d, Details of an offence against the vert; Claim for false attachment.

## COPY ROLL

### E 32/37

The latter section of the roll reproduces much of the information contained on E 32/41 above, but often in an abbreviated form. To take an example, the scribe has not copied those pleas of the vert for which no amercement has been levied.

For a full description of this roll see above p. 138.

m. 3, Pleas of venison. A total of 18 pleas recorded [drawn from mm. 1-1d and 6-6d of E 32/41 above]; Details of beasts caught in the forest without warrant [see m. 5 above]; Details of beasts granted by royal writ [see m. 5 above].

m. 3d, Further details of beasts granted by royal writ [see m. 5 above]; Information regarding the possession of dogs in the forest [see m. 5d above]; Sale of windfallen wood [see m. 5d above]; Payments for the escape of livestock [see m. 5d above]; Agistment in Weybridge and Sapley forest [see m. 5d above]; List of wastes. A total of 23 entries [drawn from m. 4 above]; List of assarts and purprestures [see m. 4d above].

m. 4, Pleas of the vert. A total of 66 amercements recorded [drawn from m. 3 above]; Amercements for defaults. A total of 40 entries recorded [drawn from m. 2 above].

m. 4d, Amercements for defaults. A total of 21 entries [drawn from m. 2 above].

m. 5, Information relating to the forest in the time of Robert Passelewe, specifically 29 Henry III (1244-5). A total of 24 inquisitions recorded, dealing with offences against the vert and the venison; Note of the royal grant of a number of oak trees in Weybridge and Sapley forests. In addition many oaks have been cut down without licence; 8 inquisitions in the time of Hugh de Goldingham, dealing with offences against the vert and the venison; Note that many oaks have been cut down in Weybridge forest without permission.

m. 5d, Attachment of 2 individuals for offences against the vert.

m. 6, Pleas of venison in Huntingdonshire. A single entry recorded; Pleas of the vert in Huntingdonshire. A total of 4 entries recorded; A single entry relating to the possession of dogs in the forest; Regard of Huntingdonshire. There is a list of 10 new assarts, 1 new purpresture, 9 old assarts, 1 old purpresture and 11 new wastes.

m. 6d, Regard of Huntingdonshire. There is a list of 6 new wastes.

m. 7, Pleas of venison in Huntingdonshire. A total of 23 entries recorded.

m. 7d, Blank.

## **ACCOUNT**

E 372/99 [1255], Rot. 18 m. 1d.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £174 1s 4d.

## **Northamptonshire eyre**

**Northampton, 25 June 1255**

William le Breton, Nicholas de Romsey, Geoffrey de Lewknor and Simon de Thrupp. The pipe roll names William le Breton.

## SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS

Writ of summons, dated 21 May 1255, for an eyre in the forests of Northamptonshire (*CR*, 1254-6, 193). The appointment of the justices is also recorded on the patent roll in a letter of 1 June 1255 (*CPR*, 1247-58, 412).

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

There is a reference to the issues of the eyre 3 July 1255 (*CLR*, 1251-60, 232).

6 named individuals, Warin de Munchesni, John de Balliol, Matilda de Cantilupe, the abbot of Peterborough, Geoffrey de Langley and John fitz Alan, are exempt from the common summons (*CR*, 1254-6, 193).

## PLEA ROLL

E 32/68

[The entries recorded on mm. 3-4d are printed in Turner, *Select Pleas*, pp. 27-38 and the eyre is noted in *V.C.H. Northamptonshire*, ii, p. 343].

m. 1, Pleas of venison in Cliffe and Rockingham forests. A total of 10 entries recorded.

m. 1d, Pleas of venison in Cliffe and Rockingham forests. A total of 9 entries recorded.

m. 2, Pleas of venison in Cliffe and Rockingham forests. A total of 5 entries recorded.

m. 2d, Pleas of venison in Cliffe and Rockingham forests. A total of 10 entries recorded.

m. 3, Pleas of venison in Cliffe and Rockingham forests. A total of 9 entries recorded.

m. 3d, Pleas of venison in Cliffe and Rockingham forests. A total of 9 entries recorded.

m. 4, Pleas of venison in Cliffe and Rockingham forests. A total of 11 entries recorded.

m. 4d, Pleas of venison in Cliffe and Rockingham forests. A total of 6 entries recorded.

mm. 5-5d, Amercements of the vert in Cliffe and Rockingham forest. A total of 186 amerancements recorded, amounting to £12 19s.

m. 6, Regard of Cliffe forest. Names of 12 regards and a list of 18 assarts.

m. 6d, Blank.

mm. 7-7d, Amercements of the venison in Cliffe, Rockingham and Stanion forests. A total of 169 amerancements recorded, amounting to £188 8s.

m. 8, Amercements for defaults in Northamptonshire, arranged on a hundred basis. A total of 55 entries recorded, amounting to £40 1s 4d.

m. 8d, Blank.

## **PLEA ROLL**

### **E 32/70**

m. 1, Pleas of venison in Whittlewood forest. A total of 10 entries recorded.

m. 1d, Pleas of venison in Whittlewood forest. A total of 8 entries recorded; A note at the end of m. 1d states that the roll was transcribed by William de Guildford.

m. 2, Pleas of venison in Whittlewood forest. A total of 11 entries recorded.

m. 2d, Blank.

m. 3, Pleas of venison in Salcey forest. A total of 11 entries recorded.

m. 3d, Pleas of venison in Salcey forest. A single entry recorded.

m. 4, Amercements for defaults, arranged on a hundred basis. A total of 9 amerancements recorded, amounting to £1 18s 4d; Amercements of the venison. A total of 86 amerancements, including a handful from Buckinghamshire, recorded. Payments amount to £69 19s

m. 4d, Amercements of the venison. A total of 29 amerancements, again including 2 from Buckinghamshire, recorded. Payments amount to £16 4s 4d.

m. 5, Pleas of the vert in Whittlewood forest. A total of 69 entries, some from Buckinghamshire and Berkshire, recorded. Payments amount to £4 8d.

m. 5d, Pleas of the vert in Salcey forest. A total of 18 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £1 2s.

m. 6, Amercements for the possession of dogs in the forest contrary to the Assize of the Forest. A total of 70 amerancements recorded, amounting to £23



2s 10d. Some of the amercements are for offences other than that named in the heading. Many have been cancelled.

m. 6d, Blank.

mm. 7-8, The presentment of woodwards. There is a list of 98 names.

m. 8d, Blank.

## **COPY ROLL\***

**E 32/249**

This roll is of relevance here because it contains extracts from the 1255 eyre roll as well as miscellaneous material relating to the Northamptonshire forest in the period leading up to the eyre. It has been thought helpful to calendar this miscellaneous material here.

For a full description see above pp. 130-5.

m. 3, A list of entries relating to the forest in the county of Northampton presented before William le Breton, Nicholas de Romsey and their associates in 1255. There is a list of 16 offences against the venison and 2 illegal enclosures of park or woodland [drawn from mm. 1-2 of E 32/70]; Pleas of venison in the bailiwick of Salcey. A total of 9 entries recorded [drawn from mm. 3-3d of E 32/70]; Amercements for defaults in the hundreds of Cleyley, Towcester and Spelho. A total of 2 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £1 2s [drawn from m. 4 of E 32/70].

m. 3d, Amercements for defaults. A total of 2 entries recorded, from Norton and Sutton hundreds respectively [drawn from m. 4 of E 32/70]; Fines and amercements for offences against the venison. A total of 35 entries listed under this heading, 25 of which have been cancelled because they appear elsewhere [drawn from entries relating to both Whittlewood and Salcey on mm. 4-4d of E 32/70]. Payments, including the cancelled entries, amount to £17 2s 8d; It is noted that many were amerced for offences against the vert in Whittlewood and Salcey forests; There is a similar note that many were amerced for the illegal possession of dogs in the forest; Presentment of woodwards. A single entry is recorded, with a note that woodwards from more than 70 other woods were also presented at the court of Robert Passelewe,

John Biset and others [drawn from mm. 7-8 of E 32/70]; Note of the appointment of an agister for Cliffe forest; At the bottom of the membrane it is noted that the entries on this rotulet derive from information presented before William le Breton and his associates in 1255. There is also a note that the transcription is the work of one William de Guildford.

m. 4, A list of entries relating to the forest in the county of Northampton presented before William le Breton, Nicholas de Romsey, Geoffrey de Lewknor and Simon de Thrupp 25 June 1255. A total of 16 entries recorded, detailing offences against the venison in Cliffe and Rockingham forests [drawn from mm. 1-1d of E 32/68].

m. 4d, A list of entries relating to the forest in the bailiwick of Cliffe. A total of 6 entries recorded, detailing offences against the venison [drawn from mm. 2-2d of E 32/68]; A list of entries relating to the forest in the bailiwick of Rockingham. A total of 8 entries recorded, 4 of which detail offences against the venison, 1 a failure to respond to the hue and cry and 3 amercements levied on townships for failing to attend inquisitions with full powers [drawn from mm. 3-3d of E 32/68].

m. 5, There is a heading 'Roll of the verderers of Salcey forest from 25 July 1245', but it is not clear whether this refers to all of the entries on this membrane or simply the one immediately below. A total of 30 entries recorded, 26 of which detail offences against the venison and 4 offences against the vert.

m. 5d, Pleas of the vert in Salcey forest. A total of 38 entries recorded, with a further note that 384 oak trees were granted by the king. At the bottom of this membrane it is noted that the entries on this rotulet date from 29 Henry III (1244-5).

m. 7, Information relating to Cliffe forest in the time of Henry III. There is a list of 21 entries relating to the granting of trees: 83 oaks, 8 saplings and 8 pollard trees; Details of payments relating to the sale of wood, windfallen and otherwise. A total of 5 entries recorded with payments amounting to £3 6s 7d. 1 of the entries is identified as dating from 35 Henry III (1250-1).

m. 7d, Details of payments relating to the sale of wood, windfallen and otherwise. A total of 13 entries recorded, 4 dating from 35 Henry III (1250-1), 7 from 36 Henry III (1251-2) and 4 from 37 Henry III (1252-3). Payments amount to 18s 6d.

m. 14, Inquisition made by the 12 regarkers of Salcey and Whittlewood forests 16 May 1255. There is a list of 62 assarts, wastes and purprestures.

m. 14d, This membrane begins with the heading 'Northampton in the time of Henry'. There is a list of 48 assarts, wastes and purprestures. There are also 4 entries detailing the cutting down of trees and the sale of wood. A count of tree stumps after the sale revealed an estimated total of 4769.

m. 22, [The arrangement of entries on this membrane is a little uncertain].

Roll of venison in Cliffe forest, Northamptonshire, produced by Hugh de Goldingham, seneschal of the forest, in the time of Henry. Immediately below this heading there is a note that 10 live deer were caught in the forest for the use of the king; Inquisition before Geoffrey de Langley in Cliffe forest. A total of 22 entries recorded, 6 relating to the legal capture of deer, 3 to purprestures, 2 to assarts and 11 to offences against the venison; Details of an inquisition, together with a note of the arrangements made for the appearance of the accused before the swanimote. A total of 24 entries recorded, 3 relating to payments for release from custody, 15 to offences against the venison and 6 to offences against the vert.

m. 22d, This membrane begins with the heading 'Northampton in the time of Henry'. Agistment in the bailiwick of Cliffe at Michaelmas. There are 2 entries, recording payments for 2246 pigs; Miscellaneous entries. A total of 4 entries recorded, 3 offences against the vert and 1 against the venison; Agistment in Cliffe forest at Michaelmas. There are 2 entries, recording the agistment of 1484 pigs, and a note that the abbot of Crowland claims to have 100 pigs quit of pannage; Miscellaneous entries. A total of 28 entries recorded, 1 relating to the enclosure of land, 10 to offences against the venison and 17 to the legal capture of deer; Inquisition held at Corby. A total of 11 entries recorded, 4 relating to offences against the venison, 2 to offences against the vert, 3 to the legal capture of deer and 2 to the good maintenance of herbage.

m. 23, Regard of Salcey and Whittlewood forests 34 Henry III (1249-50).

There is a list of 40 assarts, 1 purpresture and 10 wastes.

m. 23d, Regard in Northamptonshire of Salcey and Whittlewood forests.

There is a list of 30 assarts and purprestures, 5 wastes and a query as to the ownership of a wood. It is specified that the wastes refer to land in

Whittlewood. There are then 5 entries relating to tree stumps in the demesne woods; View of woods without the regard. There are 4 entries recording

various wastes and encroachments. Finally there is a note that there is

nothing to communicate with regard to the demesne hays. At the bottom of

the membrane it is noted that the entries on this rotulet derive from the regard in Northamptonshire in the time of Henry III.

m. 24, Verderers' rolls presenting pleas of the vert and venison in

Northamptonshire. A total of 25 entries recorded, 13 relating to offences

against the venison, 3 to the duty of forest officials to present material

evidence, 1 to a failure to appear at court, 1 to an injury to a horse, 2 to the seizure of chattels and 5 to deer legally caught.

m. 24d, Miscellaneous entries in Northamptonshire. A total of 26 entries

recorded, 2 relating to mainpernors responding before the court, 7 to offences

against the venison and 17 to deer legally caught; Attachments for the vert in

the time of Hugh de Goldingham. A total of 7 entries recorded, 2 of which

note the legal extraction of wood.

m. 25, Verderers' roll recording attachments made in Cliffe forest 38 Henry III

(1253-4), when Robert Basset acted as seneschal. A total of 8 entries

recorded, 3 relating to offences against the venison, 4 to the legal capture of

deer and 1 to the illegal seizure or cultivation of honey; Pleas of the vert in

Cliffe forest. A total of 3 entries recorded, 2 of which note grants of wood;

Details of windfallen wood in Cliffe forest. A total of 10 entries recorded;

Details of offences against the venison brought before the Stanion swanimote

in the time of Robert Basset. A total of 12 entries recorded, 9 relating to the

illegal capture of deer, 2 to the legal capture and 1 to a gift of wood; Pleas of

the vert brought before the Stanion swanimote. A total of 5 entries recorded;

Details of windfallen wood in Stanion. A total of 5 entries recorded. [From this

point onwards the left hand edge of the membrane is very badly damaged and it is not always possible to identify the entries accurately]; There is a single entry detailing the sowing of crops; Agistment. There are 5 entries recorded under this heading, 1 of which records an offence against the venison and 1 the legal capture of deer. The remaining 3 entries are unidentifiable; Attachments of the vert made in the bailiwick of Whittlewood 39 Henry III (1254-5), when Robert Basset acted as seneschal. The first entry under this heading notes that the villages of Syresham, Silverstone, Wappenham and Slapton attended an inquisition and reported on the cutting down of oak trees in the wood of Eastwell and trees granted by the king elsewhere. There are 22 further inquisitions of this type; The final 3 entries on this membrane, detailing miscellaneous offences, are recorded under the partially obscured heading '..... 30 Henry III (1245-6) in the time of Geoffrey de Mortimer'.

m. 25d, There are 2 entries recorded, the first of which states that offences against the venison were committed in both Westwood and Cliffe forest, while the other notes that malefactors were seen in the wood of Ashby. At the bottom of the membrane it is noted that the entries on this rotulet are derived from those presented at Northampton in the time of Henry III.

m. 26, Regard of Salcey and Whittlewood forests 37 Henry III (1252-3). Names of 12 regards. There is a list of 28 assarts, wastes and purprestures.

m. 26d, Regard of Salcey and Whittlewood forests. There is a list of 8 wastes and 24 assarts. It is specified that the latter relate to land in Whittlewood. At the bottom of the membrane it is noted that the entries on this rotulet are assarts recorded by Richard de Nottingham in Northamptonshire in the time of Henry III.

m. 27, Verderers' roll presenting offences against the venison in the time of Henry III. A total of 27 entries recorded, 17 inquisitions into offences against the venison, 1 inquisition into an offence against the vert and 9 entries relating to the legal capture of deer; There is a list of 7 entries recording gifts of wood by the king. In total 39 mature and 23 young oaks are granted;

Miscellaneous entries. A total of 16 offences against the vert and venison recorded.

m. 27d, Assarts in Salcey and Whittlewood forests presented by Richard de Nottingham 37 Henry III (1252-3). There is a list of 44 assarts and purprestures and 10 wastes.

m. 28, [This membrane consists of 2 pieces of parchment stitched together end to end]. Regard of Cliffe and Rockingham forests 3 May 1250. Names of 12 regards. There is a list of as many as 66 assarts [the left hand edge of the membrane is badly damaged].

m. 28d, Notes as to certain articles touching the forest in Northamptonshire, drawn from 2 marked rolls. A total of 10 entries recorded, 8 relating to offences against the venison and 1 to the seizure of a wood. The remaining entry notes that there were many offences committed in the forest in the time of Henry III as the rolls of Hugh de Goldingham reveal; Similar information regarding the forest in the county of Northamptonshire in the time of Ralph 'Tytemers', 38 Henry III (1253-4). A total of 15 entries recorded, 1 of which deals with the valuation of crops.

m. 29, This membrane begins with the heading 'Northamptonshire in the time of Godfrey de Liston'. Reports of verderers, agisters, foresters and parkers with regard to the agistment of pigs in the park of Brigstock and the bailiwick of Rockingham 30 Henry III (1245-6). A total of 6 entries recorded, 4 relating to Brigstock and 2 to Rockingham; Agistment in the bailiwick of Stanion in the time of William de Northampton. A total of 3 entries recorded; Agistment 32 Henry III (1247-8). There is a single entry listed under this heading; Agistment in the park of Brigstock in the time of Hugh de Goldingham 36 Henry III (1251-2). A total of 14 entries recorded, but some relate to Rockingham and Salcey forests and date from the time of William de Northampton and Robert Basset; Agistment of pigs 39 Henry III (1254-5) in Wakefield Lawn. A total of 2 entries recorded; Pleas of venison and inquisitions. A total of 4 entries recorded.

m. 29d, This membrane begins with the heading 'Candover in the time of king Henry'. Deer caught without warrant in the park of Brigstock and Rockingham

forest. A total of 5 entries recorded; Attachments of venison presented by the verderers in the bailiwick of Whittlewood. A total of 5 entries recorded, 3 relating to the legal capture of deer; Attachments of the vert in the bailiwick of Whittlewood. A total of 2 entries recorded; Details of wood granted in the bailiwick of Whittlewood. A total of 5 entries recorded, 1 of which is in fact an inquisition; Inquiry into an offence against the venison in Cliffe forest; Pleas of venison in Salcey forest. A total of 5 entries recorded, 1 of which relates to agistment.

#### **ACCOUNT**

E 372/99 [1255], Rot. 7 m. 1; E 372/102 [1258], Rot. 5 m. 2d; E 372/103 [1259], Rot. 5 m. 2d; E 372/138 [1293], Rot. 21 m. 2d.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £266 15s. This is less than the potential revenue recorded on the plea rolls themselves.

#### **Buckinghamshire eyre**

**Buckingham, 15 November 1255**

William le Breton, Nicholas de Romsey, Geoffrey de Lewknor and Simon de Thrupp. The pipe roll names William le Breton.

#### **SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS**

Writ of summons, dated 21 May 1255, for an eyre in the forests of Buckinghamshire (*CR*, 1254-6, 193). The appointment of the justices is also recorded on the patent roll in a letter of 1 June 1255 (*CPR*, 1247-58, 412).

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

A single named individual, Matilda de Cantilupe, is exempt from the common summons (*CR*, 1254-6, 194).

#### **PLEA ROLL**

E 32/2

[This eyre is noted in *V.C.H. Buckinghamshire*, ii, p. 135].

m. 1, Foreign pleas [Essex and Northamptonshire]. A total of 2 entries recorded; Pleas of venison in Whittlewood and Bernwood forests. A total of 4 entries recorded.

m. 1d, Pleas of venison in Whittlewood and Bernwood forests. A total of 6 entries recorded.

m. 2, Pleas of venison in Whittlewood and Bernwood forests. A total of 8 entries recorded.

m. 2d, Pleas of venison in Whittlewood and Bernwood forests. A total of 8 entries recorded.

m. 3, Pleas of venison in Whittlewood and Bernwood forests. A total of 14 entries recorded.

m. 3d, Blank.

m. 4, Amercements for defaults, arranged on a hundred basis. A total of 27 amerancements recorded, amounting to £13 2s 4d; Amercements of the venison. A total of 48 amerancements recorded, amounting to £57 13s 8d.

m. 4d Amercements of the venison. A total of 45 amerancements recorded, amounting to £23 4s; Pannage 30-6 and 38-9 Henry III (1245-6 to 1251-2 and 1253-4 to 1254-5).

m. 5, Pleas of the vert in Whittlewood and Bernwood forests. A total of 84 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £5 2s.

m. 5d, Pleas of the vert in Whittlewood and Bernwood forests. A total of 42 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £4 9s.

m. 6, Regard of Bernwood forest 39 Henry III (1254-5). Names of 12 regards and a list of 35 wastes and assarts; Information relating the possession of dogs contrary to the Assize of the Forest. A total of 6 entries recorded.

m. 6d, Blank.

m. 7, Essoins. A total of 22 entries; 4 miscellaneous entries.

m. 7d, Blank.

m. 8-8d, Presentment of woodwards in Whittlewood and Bernwood forests. There is a list of 36 names.



m. 9, 2 miscellaneous entries.

m. 9d, Blank.

m. 10, Regard of Whittlewood forest for the years 34, 37 and 39 Henry III (1249-50, 1252-3 and 1254-5). There are 39, 42 and 42 entries respectively; Regard of Bernwood forest for the years 34, 37 and 39 (1249-50, 1252-3, 1254-5). There are 5, 7 and 7 entries respectively.

mm. 10d-11d, Blank.

#### ACCOUNT

E 372/100 [1256], Rot. 18 m. 1d; E 372/104 [1260], Rot. 16 m. 2; E 372/137 [1292], Rot. 14 m. 2d.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £107 17s 7½d.

#### **Oxfordshire eyre**

**Oxford, 24 January 1256**

William le Breton, Nicholas de Romsey, Geoffrey de Lewknor and Simon de Thrupp. The pipe roll names William le Breton.

#### SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS

Writ of summons, dated 21 May 1255, for an eyre in the forests of Oxfordshire (*CR*, 1254-6, 193). The appointment of the justices is also recorded on the patent roll in a letter of 1 June 1255 (*CPR*, 1247-58, 412).

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

There is a reference to the issues of the eyre 1 October 1254 (*CLR*, 1251-60, 178).

5 named individuals, Matilda de Cantilupe, the abbot of Netley, Emma de St. John, the lady of Swallowfield, the prior of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England and Nicholas de Leigh, are exempt from the common summons (*CR*, 1254-6, 194).

## PLEA ROLL

E 32/251

[A brief summary of the information contained on this roll appears in *V.C.H. Oxfordshire*, ii, pp. 293-4].

m. 1, Essoins. A total of 25 entries; Appearances. The names of 47 individuals are listed under the main heading, while 16 are listed by hundred.

m. 1d, 3 pleas of venison in the park of Woodstock.

m. 2, Pleas of venison in Shotover, Bernwood and Wychwood forests. A total of 8 entries recorded.

m. 2d, Pleas of venison in Shotover, Bernwood and Wychwood forests. A total of 9 entries recorded.

m. 3, Pleas of venison in Shotover, Bernwood and Wychwood forests. A total of 8 entries recorded.

m. 3d, Pleas of venison in Shotover, Bernwood and Wychwood forests. A total of 9 entries recorded.

m. 4, Amercements for defaults, arranged on a hundred basis. A total of 28 amerancements recorded, amounting to £21 7s 4d; 2 further pleas.

m. 4d, Amercements of the vert and for breaking the park of Bladon. A total of 50 amerancements recorded, amounting to £4 8s 8d.

m. 5, Fines and amerancements of the vert and venison. A total of 68 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £49 14s 11d.

m. 5d, Regard of Wychwood forest for the years 36, 37 and 39 Henry III (1251-2, 1252-3 and 1254-5). There are 23, 25 and 19 assarts listed respectively.

m. 6, Pleas of the vert in Shotover, Bernwood and Wychwood forests. A total of 63 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £6 1s 8d.

m. 6d, Pleas of the vert in Shotover, Bernwood and Wychwood forests. A total of 75 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £5 7s 11d.

m. 7, Pleas of the vert in Shotover, Bernwood and Wychwood forests. A total of 69 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £5 2s 9d.

m. 7d, Pleas of the vert in Shotover, Bernwood and Wychwood forests. A total of 38 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £3 1s 5d.

m. 8, Presentment of woodwards. There is a list of 44 names.

m. 8d, Wastes in Wychwood forest. A total of 13 entries recorded.

## ACCOUNT

E 372/100 [1256], Rot. 9 m. 1d; E 372/101 [1257], Rot. 10 m. 2; E 372/102 [1258], Rot. 18 m. 1d; E 372/136 [1291], Rot. 19 m. 1d; E 372/142 [1297], Rot. 12 m. 2.

The single entry recorded on E 372/136 appears in the account for Berkshire.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £189 15s 4½d.

## Rutland eyre

**Oakham, 12 June 1256**

William le Breton, Nicholas de Romsey, Geoffrey de Lewknor and Simon de Thrupp. The pipe roll names William le Breton.

## SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS

Writ of summons, dated 28 January 1256, for an eyre in the forests of Rutland (*CR*, 1254-6, 389). The appointment of the justices is also recorded on the patent roll in a letter of the same date (*CPR*, 1247-58, 460).

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

2 named individuals, Nicholas de Crioil and the bishop of London, are exempt from the common summons (*CR*, 1254-6, 396).

## PLEA ROLL

E 32/139

[A brief summary of the information contained on this roll appears in *V.C.H. Rutland*, i, p. 252].

m. 1, Essoins. A total of 16 entries; Presentment of woodwards. A total of 3 entries; Enrolment of 2 charters.

m. 1d, Amercements of the venison. A total of 47 amerancements recorded, amounting to £9 17s.

m. 2, Pleas of the vert. A total of 15 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £32 6s 11d; Regard. Names of 12 regards and a list of 7 wastes and 4 assarts; Agistment for the years 36, 38 and 39 Henry III (1251-2, 1253-4 and 1254-5).

m. 2d, Amercements for defaults, arranged on a hundred basis. A total of 37 amerancements recorded, amounting to £57 14s 8d; Amercements of the venison. A total of 19 amerancements recorded, amounting to £13 11s 4d.

m. 3, Pleas of venison. A total of 11 entries recorded.

m. 3d, Pleas of venison. A total of 8 entries recorded.

#### **COPY ROLL\***

##### **E 32/249**

Only those sections of the roll relating to the 1256 Rutland eyre have been reproduced here. For a full description see above pp. 130-5.

m. 2, Essoins dating from the eyre held at Oakham before William le Breton, Nicholas de Romsey, Geoffrey de Lewknor and Simon de Thrupp 12 June 1256. A total of 16 entries recorded [drawn from m. 1 of E 32/139];

Presentment of woodwards. A total of 2 entries recorded [drawn from m. 1 of E 32/139]; Enrolment of charters, 2 in total [drawn from m. 1 of E 32/139]; The heading 'Further pleas of venison' is followed by a single entry recording a payment of 4s by the village of Belton for failing to attend; Heading 'Pleas of the vert held at Oakham in Rutland before William le Breton and his associates 12 June 1256', but no pleas of the vert are actually recorded; Regard. There is a list of 6 wastes and 1 assart listed immediately under this heading. The names of 14 individuals amerced for defaults are then recorded; Names of 10 villages amerced for failure to attend inquisitions concerning offences against the venison; Pleas of venison at Oakham before William le Breton and his associates 12 June 1256. A total of 3 entries recorded.

m. 2d, Simply gives the heading 'Rutland - At the court of William le Breton in the time of Henry III'. Presumably this identifies the entries on the other side of the membrane.

#### ACCOUNT

E 372/100 [1256], Rot. 19 m. 2d.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £87 10s 7d.

#### **Essex eyre**

##### **Chelmsford, 1256**

William le Breton, Nicholas de Romsey, Geoffrey de Lewknor and Simon de Thrupp. The pipe roll names William le Breton.

#### SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS

Writ of summons, dated 28 January 1256, for an eyre in the forests of Essex (*CR*, 1254-6, 388-9). The appointment of the justices is also recorded on the patent roll in a letter of the same date (*CPR*, 1247-58, 460).

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

22 named individuals, the bishop of Ely, the abbot of Coggeshall, the prior of Christchurch, Matthew Bezil, F., bishop of London, Matthew de Delamere, John fitz Bernard, Thomas fitz Lambert de Multon, Roger Bigod, earl of Norfolk, W., bishop of Norwich, William Gernun, the abbot of St. Edmunds, Richard de Grey, William le Moyne, Ralph Hardel, Richard de Ewell, Roger le Taylor, the prior of Merton, Godfrey de Liston, John de Warenne, Walter de Rudham and William la Zuche, are exempt from the common summons (*CR*, 1254-6, 396). A letter of 1 or 2 May 1256 orders the justices not to molest certain individuals, retainers of Philip Lovel, for their offences (*CR*, 1254-6, 298).

#### ACCOUNT

E 372/100 [1256], Rot. 5 m. 2d; E 372/115 [1271], Rot. 8 m. 1d; E 372/119 [1275], Rot. 9 m. 2; E 372/120 [1276], Rot. 4 m. 2.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £148 5s 4d.

### **Surrey eyre**

#### **Guildford, 1256**

William le Breton, Nicholas de Romsey, Geoffrey de Lewknor and Simon de Thrupp. The pipe roll names William le Breton.

### **SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS**

Writ of summons, dated 28 January 1256, for an eyre in the forests of Surrey (*CR*, 1254-6, 388-9).

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

3 named individuals, the abbot of Chertsey, Humphrey de Bohun, earl of Essex and Hereford and Master Roger, the king's cook, are exempt from the common summons (*CR*, 1254-6, 396). A letter of 14 November 1256 orders the sheriff to pay the amercements from the eyre into the wardrobe by 17 December (*CR*, 1256-9, 107).

### **ACCOUNT**

E 372/101 [1257], Rot. 15 m. 1d.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £10 11s 3d. There is additional revenue derived from pannage.

### **Hampshire eyre**

#### **20 January 1257**

William le Breton and Robert Walerand. The pipe roll names Robert Walerand.

## SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS

A letter of 2 November 1256 notes that the eyre, originally scheduled to take place on 12 November 1256, will not now be held until 20 January 1257 (*CR*, 1256-9, 2). A further letter of 2 June 1257 associates Alexander de Montfort with the original, unnamed, justices and informs Robert Walerand of the same (*CR*, 1256-9, 60).

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

There is a reference to the issues of the eyre 1 May 1257 (*CLR*, 1251-60, 370). See also *ibid.*, 493.

9 named individuals, the abbot of Reading, Robert Tregoz, Roger de Mohun, John de Brimmore, servant of Edmund, the king's brother, William de Sinago, Reginald fitz Peter, Roger de Mortimer, the prior of Merton and Patrick de Chaourches, are exempt from the common summons (*CR*, 1256-9, 105).

## PLEA ROLL

E 32/156

[This roll is calendared in Stagg, pp. 52-83. Stagg has only 56 entries on m. 4d, with payments of £2 13s]. This is a general plea roll for the New Forest and is not restricted to pleas of the forest.

mm. 1-2d, Pleas of juries and assizes in the New Forest.

mm. 3-3d, Pleas of the Crown in the New Forest. There is an entry detailing the murder of a forester in 40 Henry III (1255-6).

m. 4, Pleas of the vert in the New Forest. A total of 119 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £6 11s 4d.

m. 4d, Pleas of the vert in the New Forest. A total of 57 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £2 14s.

m. 5, Pleas of the Crown in the New Forest; Pleas of venison in the New Forest. A total of 5 entries recorded.

m. 5d, Pleas of venison in the new Forest. A total of 10 entries recorded.

m. 6, Regard of the New Forest and Buckholt forest. Names of 12 regarders and a list of 23 purprestures, 2 assarts and 7 wastes; Pleas of venison. A total of 2 entries recorded.

m. 6d, Details of assarts in the New Forest and Buckholt forest. A total of 27 assarts recorded, payments for which amount to £2 12s 3d; Pleas of venison. A total of 3 entries recorded.

#### ACCOUNT

E 372/101 [1257], Rot. 9 m. 2d; E 372/103 [1259], Rot. 1 m. 2d; E 372/104 [1260], Rot. 3 m. 1d; E 372/105 [1261], Rot. 10 m. 1d; E 372/110 [1266], Rot. 4 m. 2d; E 372/137 [1292], Rot. 22 m. 2d; E 372/138 [1293], Rot. 1 m. 1d; E 372/142 [1297], Rot. 7 m. 2.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £185 11s 11d.

#### **Dorset eyre**

##### **Dorchester, 7 November 1257**

William le Breton, Nicholas de Romsey, Geoffrey de Lewknor and Alexander de Montfort. The pipe roll names William le Breton.

#### SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS

A letter of 20 October 1257 records the appointment of the justices in eyre for pleas of the forest in Dorset. The original date is given as 12 November 1257 (*CR*, 1256-9, 157).

#### PLEA ROLL

E 32/10

[A brief summary of the information contained on this roll appears in *V.C.H. Dorset*, ii, pp. 288-9].

m. 1, Appearances. The names of 22 individuals are listed; Amercements for defaults, arranged on a hundred basis. A total of 18 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £8 6s.



- m. 1d, Essoins. A total of 30 entries.
- m. 2, Pleas of venison in Bere forest. A total of 7 entries recorded.
- m. 2d, Pleas of the vert in Bere forest. A total of 34 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £5 17s 4d; Regard of Bere forest. Names of 6 regarders and a list of 10 purprestures.
- m. 3, Pleas of venison in Powerstock forest. A total of 11 entries recorded.
- m. 3d, Pleas of the vert in Powerstock forest. A total of 51 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £2 8s; Regard of Powerstock forest. Names of 6 regarders; Agistment of Powerstock forest.
- m. 4, Pleas of venison in Blackmore forest. A total of 7 entries recorded.
- m. 4d, Pleas of venison in Blackmore forest. A total of approximately 6 entries recorded [the membrane is badly damaged].
- m. 5, Pleas of the vert in Blackmore forest. A total of 69 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £1 19s.
- m. 5d, Pleas of the vert in Blackmore forest. A total of 70 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £1 17s 8d.
- m. 6, Pleas of venison in Gillingham forest. A total of 13 entries recorded; Notification of licensed capture of deer.
- m. 6d, Pleas of venison in Gillingham forest. A total of 2 entries recorded; Notification of licensed capture of deer; Pleas of the vert of Gillingham forest. A total of approximately 59 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £10 14s 8d.
- m. 7, Pleas of the vert in Gillingham forest. A total of 6 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £2 1s 1d; Information regarding oak trees taken for the use of the king; Regard of Gillingham forest. Names of 12 regarders and a list of 10 purprestures, 3 wastes and 8 payments for agistment.
- m. 7d, Blank.
- m. 8, Enrolment of charters, 6 in total.
- m. 8d, Blank.
- m. 9, Foreign pleas. A total of 8 entries from Wiltshire, Oxfordshire, Lincolnshire, Gloucestershire and Dorset.
- m. 9d, 3 miscellaneous entries.

m. 10, Presentment of woodwards. There is a list of approximately 38 names.  
m. 10d, Blank.

#### ACCOUNT

E 372/102 [1258], Rot. 12 m. 2d; E 372/105 [1261], Rot. 18 m. 2d; E 372/114 [1270], Rot. 17 m. 1.

Total assessed revenue for Dorset and Somerset amounts to £143 4s 8½d.

#### Somerset eyre

**Ilchester, 26 November 1257**

William le Breton, Nicholas de Romsey, Geoffrey de Lewknor and Alexander de Montfort. The pipe roll names Robert Walerand [*sic*].

#### SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS

A letter of 8 November 1257 records the appointment of the justices in eyre for pleas of the forest in Somerset (*CPR*, 1247-58, 657).

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

There is a reference to the issues of the eyre 4 December 1257 (*CLR*, 1251-60, 411). See also *ibid.*, 434.

6 named individuals, the abbot of Cirencester, Reginald de Mohun, John de Flore, Ralph de Bacup, William le Fort and Thomas le Gros, are exempt from the common summons in the county (*CR*, 1256-9, 279). A letter of 3 June 1258 orders the justices not to amerce the prior of Hinton Charterhouse for a default before their court (*CR*, 1256-9, 227).

#### PLEA ROLL

E 32/152

[The entries recorded on m. 5d are printed in Turner, *Select Pleas*, pp. 41-2 and a brief summary of the information on this roll appears in *V.C.H.*

*Somerset*, ii, pp. 550-1, 553-4, 556, 559, 561-2 and 564. Finally all

information on the roll relating to Exmoor forest is translated in E.T.

MacDermot, *A History of the Forest of Exmoor* (1911), pp. 79-83].

m. 1, Essoins. A total of 41 entries.

m. 1d, Appearances. The names of 30 individuals are listed.

m. 2, Amercements for defaults. A total of 58 entries, amounting to £37 2s 4d.

m. 3, Pleas of the vert in Mendip forest. A total of 92 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £7 1s.

m. 3d, Pleas of the vert in Mendip forest. A total of 60 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £2 17s 8d.

m. 4, Pleas of venison in Mendip forest. A total of 4 entries recorded.

m. 4d, Pleas of venison in Mendip forest. A total of 4 entries recorded; Regard of Mendip forest. A list of 12 purprestures and 1 waste.

m. 5, Pleas of the vert in Exmoor forest. A total of 26 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £1 6s; Pleas of the vert in the warren of Somerton. A total of 38 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £1 14s.

m. 5d, Pleas of venison in the warren of Somerton. A total of 3 entries recorded.

m. 6, Pleas of venison in Exmoor forest. A total of 3 entries recorded; Notification of licensed capture of deer; Regard of Exmoor forest. Names of 12 regards and a list of 9 assarts, 3 purprestures and 4 wastes.

m. 6d, Blank.

m. 7, Pleas of venison in the park of Perton. A total of 4 entries recorded.

m. 7d, Pleas of venison in the park of Perton. 1 entry recorded; Notification of licensed capture of deer; Regard of the park of Perton. Names of 12 regards and 3 miscellaneous entries.

m. 8, Pleas of the vert in Neroche forest. A total of 43 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £1 11s.

m. 8d, Pleas of venison in Neroche forest. A total of 7 entries recorded.

m. 9, Regard of Neroche forest. Names of 5 regards and a list of 2 assarts, 2 purprestures and 9 wastes.

m. 9d, Blank.

m. 10, Pleas of the vert in Selwood forest. A total of 66 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £3 16s.

m. 10d, Pleas of the vert in Selwood forest. A total of 51 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £2.

m. 11, Pleas of venison in Selwood forest. A total of 8 entries recorded.

m. 11d, Pleas of venison in Selwood forest. A total of 9 entries recorded.

m. 12, Regard of Selwood forest. Names of 7 regards and a list of 16 assarts and 3 wastes.

m. 12d, 4 entries struck through, but otherwise blank.

m. 13, Enrolment of charters, 3 in total.

m. 13d, Blank.

mm. 14-14d, Presentment of woodwards. There is a list of approximately 99 names.

## **ACCOUNT**

E 372/102 [1258], Rot. 12 m. 2d; E 372/105 [1261], Rot. 18 m. 2d; E 372/114 [1270], Rot. 17 m. 1.

Total assessed revenue for Dorset and Somerset amounts to £143 4s 8½d.

## **Wiltshire Eyre**

### **Wilton, 1257**

Robert Walerand, William le Breton, Nicholas de Romsey and Geoffrey de Lewknor. The pipe roll names Robert Walerand.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

There is a reference to the issues of the 'current' eyre 9 May 1257 (*CLR*, 1251-60, 371). See also *ibid.*, 372, 374.

A letter of 28 May 1257 instructs the justices to respite all demands arising from the eyre made on the prior of St. Swithin's, Winchester, until 13 October 1257 (*CR*, 1256-9, 132). Another letter of 9 December 1257 orders William le Breton and his associates to respite any amercements levied on William de

Horseden, onetime bailiff of Clarendon forest, and return any lands seized as a result of his failure to attend the court. He was serving with Prince Edward in Scotland at the time (*CR*, 1256-9, 170). 10 named individuals, Fulk, bishop of London, the abbot of Hyde, the prior of Merton, Richard de la Rokele, Reginald de Mohun, the bishop of Salisbury, Patrick de Chaourches, Humphrey de Bohun, earl of Hereford and Essex and Walter de Rudham, are exempt from the common summons in the county (*CR*, 1256-9, 117).

## PLEA ROLL

### E 32/198

- m. 1, Pleas of the vert in Braden forest. A total of 216 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £9 8s 6d.
- m. 1d, Pleas of the vert in Braden forest. A total of 80 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £3 17s.
- m. 2, Pleas of venison in Braden forest. A total of 11 entries recorded.
- m. 2d, Pleas of venison in Braden forest. A total of 13 entries recorded.
- m. 3, Pleas of venison in Braden forest. A total of 73 entries recorded.
- m. 3d, Pleas of venison in Braden forest. A total of 11 entries recorded; Pleas of the vert in Savernake forest. A total of 27 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £3 4s 4d.
- m. 4, A single plea of venison in Braden forest; Regard of Braden forest. Names of 11 regards and a list of 26 purprestures, 5 wastes and 6 cases of men having dogs in the forest.
- m. 4d, Pleas of the vert in Chippenham and Melksham forests. A total of 92 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £8 12s 4d; 4 entries relating to herbage, windfallen wood etc.
- m. 5, Pleas of venison in Chippenham. A total of 24 entries recorded.
- m. 5d, Pleas of venison in Chippenham. A total of 19 entries recorded.
- m. 6, Pleas of venison in Melksham forest. A total of 23 entries recorded.
- m. 6d, Pleas of venison in Melksham forest. A total of 8 entries recorded; Regard of Chippenham and Melksham forests. Names of 12 regards and a list of 39 purprestures.

m. 7, Regards of Chippenham and Melksham forests from 30 Henry III (1245-6) onwards. Information relating to herbage, the sale of honey, windfallen wood and minor offences in the forest.

m. 7d, Blank.

m. 8, Amercements for defaults, arranged on a hundred basis. A total of 49 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £5 7s 4d.

m. 8d, Agistment in Clarendon, Milchet, Groveley, Chippenham and Savernake forests for the years 31-41 Henry III (1246-7 to 1256-7), and herbage for Clarendon over the same period.

m. 9, Pleas of the vert in Savernake forest. A total of 83 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £6 18s.

m. 9d, Pleas of the vert in Savernake forest. A total of 76 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £5 7s 4d..

m. 10, Pleas of the venison in Savernake forest. A total of 9 entries recorded.

m. 10d, Miscellaneous pleas in Savernake forest. A total of 3 entries recorded; Regard of Savernake forest. Names of 11 regards and a list of approximately 54 purprestures.

m. 11, Pleas of the vert in Selwood forest. A total of 87 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £5 9s 4d.

m. 11d, Pleas of the vert in Selwood forest. A total of 81 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £4 18s 4d.

m. 12, Pleas of the vert in Selwood forest. A total of 30 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £1 7s.

m. 12d, Blank.

m. 13, Pleas of venison in Selwood forest. A total of 7 entries recorded.

m. 13d, Pleas of venison in Selwood forest. A total of 8 entries recorded.

m. 14, Pleas of venison in Selwood forest. A total of 6 entries recorded.

m. 14d, Regard of Selwood forest. Names of 12 regards and a list of 4 assarts, 10 purprestures, 10 wastes and 4 cases of men having dogs in the forest.

m. 15, Pleas of venison in Chute forest. A total of 10 entries recorded.

m. 15d, Pleas of venison in Chute forest. A total of 4 entries recorded.

- m. 16, Pleas of the vert in Chute forest. A total of 88 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £4 12s 8d.
- m. 16d, Regard of Chute forest. Names of 8 regards and a list of 7 assarts, 5 purprestures and 4 wastes.
- m. 17, Pleas of venison in Groveley forest. A total of 11 entries recorded.
- m. 17d, Pleas of venison in Clarendon forest. A total of 15 entries recorded.
- mm. 18-19d, Presentment of woodwards in Braden, Chippenham, Chute, Melksham, Savernake and Selwood forests. There is a list of 88 names.
- mm. 20-20d, Enrolment of charters, 10 in total.

## PLEA ROLL FRAGMENT

E 32/202

This 'roll' consists of a single rotulet. The roll itself is not dated, but there is reference to pleas of venison in 39 Henry III (1254-5), making it likely, if not certain, that the roll was generated during the eyre of 1258

m. 1, Pleas of the vert in Clarendon forest. A total of 28 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £2 6s; Pleas of the vert in Groveley forest. A total of 38 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £2 6s 8d; Pleas of the vert in Milchet forest. A total of 12 entries recorded, with payments amounting to 16s; Pleas of venison in Milchet forest. A total of 3 entries recorded; Regard of Clarendon, Milchet, Bentelwood and Groveley forests. Names of 10 regards, all of whom have been amerced for false presentation. There is a list of 1 assart and 13 old purprestures.

m. 1d, Regard of Clarendon, Milchet, Bentelwood and Groveley forests. There is a list of 10 old purprestures, 6 new purprestures, 13 old wastes and 1 payment for the recovery of a wood seized into the king's hands.

## ACCOUNT

E 372/102 [1258], Rot. 9 m. 1d; E 372/104 [1260], Rot. 12 m. 1; E 372/105 [1261], Rot. 7 m. 1; E 372/114 [1270], Rot. 3 m. 1; E 372/139 [1294], Rot. 18 m. 2d; E 372/140 [1295], Rot. 7 m. 1d; E 372/144 [1299], Rot. 1 m. 2d.

The entries recorded on E 372/140 and E 372/144 appear in the accounts for Berkshire and Hampshire respectively.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £160 4s 2½d.

### **Gloucestershire eyre**

#### **Gloucester, 20 January 1258**

William le Breton, Nicholas de Romsey, Geoffrey de Lewknor and Alexander de Montfort [The latter is not named on the eyre roll]. The pipe roll names Robert Walerand [*sic*].

### **SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS**

A letter of 15 December 1257 records the appointment of the justices in eyre for pleas of the forest in Gloucestershire (*CPR*, 1247-58, p. 607).

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The eyre was concluded by 7 March 1258 (*CLR*, 1251-60, 430).

### **PLEA ROLL**

#### **E 32/28**

[This eyre is noted in *V.C.H. Gloucestershire*, ii, p. 268].

m. 1, Amercements for defaults. A total of 29 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £3 13s.

m. 1d, Blank.

m. 2, Essoins. A total of 35 entries; Appearances. The names of 29 individuals are recorded; A note of the arrangements made by 3 men to be represented by attorneys.

m. 2d, Presentment of woodwards. A total of 12 entries recorded; Enrolment of a charter in favour of the monks of St. Peter's in Gloucester.

m. 3, Pleas of venison in the Forest of Dean. A total of 11 entries recorded.

m. 3d, Pleas of venison in the Forest of Dean. A total of 10 entries recorded.



m. 4, Pleas of venison in the Forest of Dean. A total of 10 entries recorded, 1 of which deals with the illegal detention of 2 men who were only released in return for payment.

m. 4d, Pleas of venison in the Forest of Dean. A total of 11 entries recorded.

m. 5, Pleas of venison in the Forest of Dean. A total of 4 entries recorded; Order to the constable of St. Briavels to allow the abbot of Flaxley to enjoy the liberties granted to him in a charter of Henry III, particularly with regard to his forge.

m. 5d, A note that Alexander Wyther is to be acquitted of £1 owed to the Exchequer, because he delivered it to Humphrey de Winterburn.

m. 6, Pleas of the vert in the Forest of Dean. A total of 96 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £9 18s.

m. 6d, Pleas of the vert in the Forest of Dean. A total of 88 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £9 4s 10d.

m. 7, Regard of the Forest of Dean. There is a list of 26 assarts and purprestures.

m. 7d, Regard of the Forest of Dean. There is a list of 67 assarts and purprestures.

m. 8, Regard of the Forest of Dean. There is a list of 29 assarts and purprestures and 10 wastes. There is a note at the bottom of the membrane that all of the king's woods which have suffered waste have done so both for his work and that of the monks of Flaxley.

m. 8d, Entries relating to the possession of dogs in the forest. A total of 19 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £1 12s; Note of an agreement between Ralph de Cam and Roger de Radford, with the former paying £2 compensation.

## ACCOUNT

E 372/102 [1258], Rot. 17 m. 2d; E 372/118 [1274], Rot. 7 m. 1d; E 372/119 [1275], Rot. 17 m. 2d; E 372/125 [1281], Rot. 22 m. 2d; E 372/140 [1295], Rot. 18 m. 1d.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £50 1s 7d.

## **Berkshire eyre**

### **Reading, 1258**

William le Breton, Nicholas de Romsey, Geoffrey de Lewknor and Simon de Thrupp. The pipe roll names William le Breton. It is likely, but impossible to be sure, that this eyre was held some time in 1256. Revenue derived from the eyre, however, first appears on the 1258 pipe roll.

### **SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS**

Writ of summons, dated 28 January 1256, for an eyre in the forests of Berkshire (*CR*, 1254-6, 388-9). The appointment of the justices is also recorded on the patent roll in a letter of the same date (*CPR*, 1247-58, 460).

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

There is a reference to the issues of the eyre 15 February 1263 (*CLR*, 1260-7, 119).

4 named individuals, the prior of Merton, Robert de Shottesbrook, Peter de Montfort and Joanna de Cardinham, are exempt from the common summons (*CR*, 1254-6, 396).

### **ACCOUNT**

E 372/102 [1258], Rot. 20 m. 2d; E 372/137 [1292], Rot. 17 m. 2d; E 372/141 [1296], Rot. 13 m. 2d; E 372/142 [1297], Rot. 7 m. 1 and Rot. 12 m. 2d.

2 of the entries recorded on E 372/142 appear in the account for Wiltshire.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £281 5s 6¼d.

### **The 1262-3 Visitation**

The justices named are Robert de Neville, Robert fitz Ralph, William de Nottingham, Alan la Zuche, Nicholas de Romsey, Master William de Powick and Hugh de Bolebec.

The initial programme, on 3 December 1261, was for eyres in Herefordshire, Shropshire and Staffordshire (*CPR*, 1258-66, 193). The eyres in the northern counties were commissioned on 15 March 1262 (*ibid.*, 205). It is likely that all the eyres had taken place before the outbreak of war in the summer of 1263. However, the disruption of the Exchequer by that war means that the accounts often do not appear in the pipe roll until several years later. It is for this reason that I have chosen to date the eyres according to when they were summoned.

### **Staffordshire eyre**

#### **Lichfield, 14 January 1262**

Alan la Zuche, Nicholas de Romsey and Master William de Powick. The pipe roll names Alan la Zuche.

### **SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS**

A letter of 3 December 1261 records the appointment of the justices in eyre for pleas of the forest in Staffordshire (*CPR*, 1258-66, 193).

### **PLEA ROLL**

E 32/187

[This eyre is noted in *V.C.H. Staffordshire*, ii, p. 337].

mm. 1-1d, Essoins. A total of 75 entries, several of which have been cancelled.

m. 2, Regard of Kinver forest. Names of 12 regards, with a list of 7 assarts, 8 purprestures and 3 wastes; An inquiry into the rights of Roger Hillary;

Regard of Cannock forest. Names of 12 regards, with a list of approximately 23 assarts [the membrane is damaged at this point].

m. 2d, Regard of Cannock forest. List of 12 assarts and 13 wastes; Sale of wood in the hays of Bentley and Cheslyn, amounting to £32 16s 6d;

Agistment of Cannock forest 33-46 Henry III (1248-9 to 1261-2).

m. 3, Amercements of the vert in Kinver forest. A total of 6 amerancements recorded, amounting to 12s; Amercements of the vert in Cannock forest. A total of 73 amerancements recorded.

m. 3d, Amercements of the vert in Cannock forest. A total of 85 amerancements recorded.

m. 4, Amercements of the vert in Cannock forest. A total of 95 amerancements recorded.

m. 4d, Amercements of the vert in Cannock forest. A total of 24 amerancements recorded. Amercements for offences against the vert in Cannock forest amount to £16 8s 8d overall; Felling and sale of oak trees. A total of 24 entries; Amercements for defaults. A total of 109 amerancements recorded, amounting to £25 11s 8d.

m. 5, Pleas of venison in Cannock forest. A total of 15 entries recorded.

m. 5d, Pleas of venison in Cannock forest. A total of 16 entries recorded.

m. 6, Pleas of venison in Cannock forest. A total of 12 entries recorded.

m. 6d, Inquiry in 'Boscehay'; Miscellaneous amerancements, many of which refer to transgressions of forest officials. There are 48 amerancements in total, amounting to £22 12s; Pleas of venison in Kinver forest. A single plea is recorded.

m. 7, Pleas of venison in Kinver forest. A total of entries 17 recorded.

m. 7d, Pleas of venison in Kinver forest. A total of 17 entries recorded.

## COPY ROLL

E 32/183

[A translation of this roll appears in Wrottesley, pp. 136-9.]

This single membrane contains extracts from E 32/187 and is probably a later, though thirteenth-century, copy. The end of the membrane is damaged.

m. 1, Pleas of venison in Cannock forest. There are 7 entries recorded [drawn from mm. 5-5d above]; Inquiry in 'Boscehay' [see m. 6d above]; Regard of Cannock. Lists 12 assarts and 13 wastes [see m. 2d above]; Pleas of venison in Kinver forest. There are 12 entries recorded [drawn from mm. 7-7d above]; Regard of Kinver forest. Selected entries drawn from m. 2 above, including

names of regarders, 4 assarts and 3 wastes; Regard of Cannock. Names of regarders and 9 selected entries from m. 2 above.

## **COPY ROLL**

**E 32/250B**

This thirteenth-century 'roll' lists select pleas from the counties of Shropshire, Worcestershire and Staffordshire, all of which were visited by Alan la Zuche and his fellows

m. 1, The section of the membrane relating to Staffordshire lists 2 amercements for defaults and 11 pleas of venison.

## **ACCOUNT**

E 372/111 [1267], Rot. 3 m. 1; E 372/113 [1269], Rot. 18 m. 1d; E 372/137 [1292], Rot. 13 m. 2.

There is clearly a considerable delay before any of the monies derived from the eyre reach the Exchequer [cf. Shropshire]. The entries recorded on E 372/137 appear in the account for Worcestershire.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £214 6s 2d.

## **Shropshire eyre**

**Shrewsbury, 3 February 1262**

Alan la Zuche, Nicholas de Romsey and Master William de Powick. The pipe roll names Alan la Zuche.

## **SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS**

A letter of 3 December 1261 records the appointment of the justices in eyre for pleas of the forest in Shropshire (*CPR*, 1258-66, 193).

## **PLEA ROLL**

**E 32/145**

[A brief summary of the information contained on this roll appears in *V.C.H. Shropshire*, i, p. 489].

m. 1, Essoins. A total of 163 entries, 156 of which relate to those who have died since the last eyre; Appearances. The names of 15 individuals are listed.

m. 1d, Essoins. A total of 92 entries

m. 2, Pleas of the vert. A total of 213 entries recorded, 8 of which have subsequently been cancelled, because they are deemed to be without the regard. Payments amount to approximately £8 18s [the membrane is difficult to read at this point].

m. 2d, Pleas of the vert. A total of 207 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £8 6s 11d.

m. 3, Pleas of the vert. A total of 145 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £4 14s.

m. 3d, Enrolment of charters, 6 in total.

m. 4, Pleas of venison. A total of 16 entries recorded.

m. 4d, Pleas of venison. A total of 17 entries recorded

m. 5, Pleas of venison. A total of 8 entries recorded; Amercements for the possession of dogs in the forest without warrant. The names of 12 individuals are given; Amercements of forest officials. There is a list of 21 regards who have been amerced for wrongly completing their rolls, and 1 forester who has transgressed in an unspecified manner. The amercements total £4 11s 4d; Money collected from those who have failed to ensure that the man for whom they have acted as surety makes an appearance at the court. The names of 14 men are listed; Sale of windfallen wood amounting to £3 6s; Herbage payments amounting to £13 12s 6d

m. 5d, Amercements for defaults. A total of 106 amercements recorded, amounting to approximately £20 8d [the manuscript is difficult to read at this point].

m. 6, Agistment in Lythwood 35-46 Henry III (1250-1 to 1261-2), Bushmoor and Hawkhurst 36-46 Henry III (1251-2 to 1261-2), Wellington and Morf 34-46 Henry III (1249-50 to 1261-2), and Shirlet 36-40 & 42-6 Henry III (1251-2 to 1255-6 and 1257-8 to 1261-2). The roll states that the sum of the agistment is

£28 13s 11d; Regard of Morf and Shirlet forests. Names of 12 regards, with a list of 15 assarts, 4 wastes, and money owed by agisters  
m. 6d, Regard of Wombridge, Mount Gilbert and Haughmond forests. Names of 9 regards, with a list of 14 assarts and 2 wastes; Regard of Long Forest, Strattondale and Long Mynd. Names of 9 regards, with a list of 25 assarts and 6 wastes; An inquiry into the status of the wood of Tasley.

#### **COPY ROLL**

E 32/250B

For a full description of this roll see above p. 240.

m. 1, The section of the membrane relating to Shropshire lists 1 amercement for a default and 4 pleas of venison.

#### **ACCOUNT**

E 372/111 [1267], Rot. 6 m. 2d; E 372/113 [1269], Rot. 19 m. 2d.

There is clearly a considerable delay before any of the revenue derived from the eyre was audited by the Exchequer [cf. Staffordshire].

Total assessed revenue amounts to £88 6s.

#### **Worcestershire eyre**

**Worcester, 23 April 1262**

Alan la Zuche, Nicholas de Romsey and Master William de Powick. The pipe roll names Alan la Zuche.

#### **SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS**

Writ of summons, dated 15 February 1262, for an eyre beginning on 23 April in the forests of Worcestershire (*CR*, 1261-4, 104). The appointment of the justices is also recorded on the patent roll in a letter of 10 April 1262 (*CPR*, 1258-66, 209).

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

There is a reference to the issues of the eyre 1 May 1262 (*CLR*, 1260-7, 84). The annals of Worcester indicate that the justices may have been in session from 16 April 1262 (*Ann. Mon.*, iv, 447), but this may perhaps be a mistake.

## PLEA ROLL

E 32/227

[A brief summary of the information contained on this roll appears in *V.C.H. Worcestershire*, ii, p. 316. It is also noted that the court sat for 3 weeks].

m. 1, Appearances. The names of 31 individuals are listed; Essoins. A total of 65 entries.

m. 1d, Essoins. A total of 19 entries; Enrolment of charters, 8 in total.

m. 2, Pleas of venison in Feckenham forest. A total of 15 entries recorded; Miscellaneous entries, including amercements for the non-production of a roll, an offence against the vert and a fine for the repossession of a bailiwick.

There are 20 such entries in total, amounting to £15 19s 8d.

m. 2d, Metes and bounds of the park of Henry de Parco; Agistment of Feckenham 33-46 Henry III (1248-9 to 1261-2). The roll gives the sum of the agistment as £9 8s 7d. Payments for livestock escaping in Feckenham and Popperode forests, amounting to £6 17s 2d; Sale of wood in Feckenham and Popperode forests, amounting to £13 2s 4d; Amercements for defaults. A total of 90 amercements recorded, 16 of which are levied on regarders for wrongly completing their rolls. They amount in total to £2 11s 8d.

m. 3, Regard of the bailiwick of Popperode. Names of 12 regarders, with a list of 2 assarts, 1 amercement for an unspecified transgression, 3 fines for the repossession of woods and 14 wastes; Regard of Feckenham forest. Names of 12 regarders, with a list of 30 assarts.

m. 3d, Regard of Feckenham forest. A list of 42 assarts, 1 purpresture and 20 wastes; Amercements for the possession of dogs in the forest. A total of 5 amercements recorded.

## COPY ROLL

E 32/228



This roll contains information concerning the eyres of 55 Henry III (1270-1) [mm. 1-2d] and 46 Henry III (1261-2) [mm. 3-5] and is probably a later thirteenth-century copy. The membranes are sewn together end to end, and consequently the dorse is blank.

mm. 1-2d, 1271 Worcestershire eyre.

m. 3, Pleas of venison in Feckenham and Popperode forests. A total of 14 entries recorded, only 1 of which appears on the above roll [m. 2]; Metes and bounds of the park of Henry de Parco [m. 2d above]; Regard of the bailiwick of Popperode. Names 1 regarder, with a list of 2 assarts and 4 wastes [m. 3 above];

m. 4, A list of 9 wastes [m. 3 above]; Regard of Feckenham forest. Names 1 regarder, with a list of 30 assarts, 1 purpresture and 10 wastes [mm 3-3d above].

m. 5, A list of 8 wastes [m. 3d above]; Enrolment of charters, 7 in total [m. 1d above].

m. 5d, Blank.

#### **COPY ROLL**

E 32/250B

For a full description of this roll see above p. 240.

m. 1, The section of the membrane relating to Worcestershire lists 1 amercement for a default and 3 pleas of venison.

#### **ACCOUNT**

E 372/106 [1262], Rot. 9 m. 1d; E 372/110 [1266], Rot. 10 m. 2; E 372/152B [1307], Rot. 20 m. 2.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £119 19s 1½d.

#### **Buckinghamshire eyre**

**1262**

Alan la Zuche, Nicholas de Romsey and Master William de Powick. The pipe roll names Alan la Zuche.

#### SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS

A letter of 10 April 1262 records the appointment of the justices in eyre for pleas of the forest in Buckinghamshire (*CPR*, 1258-66, 210).

#### ACCOUNT

E 372/107 [1263], Rot. 1 m. 1; E 372/119 [1275], Rot. 7 m. 1d; E 372/128 [1284], Rot. 7 m. 1d; E 372/139 [1294], Rot. 29 m. 1d.

The single entry recorded on E 372/139 appears in the account for Kent.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £58 12s 2½d.

#### **Cumberland eyre**

**1262**

Robert de Neville, Hugh de Bolebec, Robert fitz Ralph and William de Nottingham. The pipe roll names Robert de Neville.

#### SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS

A letter of 15 March 1262 records the appointment of the justices in eyre for pleas of the forest in Cumberland (*CPR*, 1258-66, 205).

#### ACCOUNT

E 372/111 [1267], Rot. 2 m. 1; E 372/115 [1271], Rot. 16 m. 2; E 372/141 [1296], Rot. 21 m. 2; E 372/143 [1298], Rot. 19 m. 1d.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £479 6s 4d.

#### **Herefordshire eyre**

**1262**

Alan la Zuche, Nicholas de Romsey and Master William de Powick. The pipe roll names Alan la Zuche.

#### SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS

A letter of 3 December 1261 records the appointment of the justices in eyre for pleas of the forest in Herefordshire (*CPR*, 1258-66, 193). A comparison with the eyres in Staffordshire and Shropshire commissioned at the same time suggests that they took place as planned, but that there was some delay in the collection of revenue [cf. also Cumberland and Northumberland].

#### ACCOUNT

E 372/112 [1268], Rot. 10 m. 2d; E 372/138 [1293], Rot. 11 m. 2.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £18 3s 11d.

#### Huntingdonshire eyre

**1262**

Alan la Zuche, Nicholas de Romsey and Master William de Powick. The pipe roll names all 3 justices.

#### SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS

A letter of 10 April 1262 records the appointment of the justices in eyre for pleas of the forest in Huntingdonshire (*CPR*, 1258-66, 210).

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The eyre was envisaged 30 May 1262 (*CLR*, 1260-7, 101).

#### ACCOUNT

E 372/107 [1263], Rot. 1 m. 2; E 372/112 [1268], Rot. 3 m. 1d.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £257 12s 3d.

#### Northamptonshire eyre

**1262**

Alan la Zuche, Nicholas de Romsey and Master William de Powick. The pipe roll names Alan la Zuche.

#### **SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS**

A letter of 10 April 1262 records the appointment of the justices in eyre for pleas of the forest in Northamptonshire (*CPR*, 1258-66, 210).

#### **ACCOUNT**

E 372/107 [1263], Rot. 2 m. 2; E 372/111 [1267], Rot. 1 m. 2; E 372/112 [1268], Rot. 5 m. 2; E 372/136 [1291], Rot. 5 m. 2d; E 372/138 [1293], Rot. 21 m. 2d; E 372/139 [1294], Rot. 13 m. 2d.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £160 16s 1d.

#### **Northumberland eyre**

**1262**

Robert de Neville, Hugh de Bolebec, Robert fitz Ralph and William de Nottingham. The pipe roll names Robert de Neville.

#### **SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS**

A letter of 15 March 1262 records the appointment of the justices in eyre for pleas of the forest in Northumberland (*CPR*, 1258-66, 205).

#### **ACCOUNT**

E 372/111 [1267], Rot. 26 m. 2d; E 372/113 [1269], Rot. 20 m. 1d; E 372/115 [1271], Rot. 18 m. 2; E 372/116 [1272], Rot. 23 m. 2d.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £51 12s 8d.

#### **Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire eyre**

**Nottingham, 1262**

Robert de Neville, Hugh de Bolebec, Robert fitz Ralph and William de Nottingham. The pipe roll names Robert de Neville.

#### SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS

A letter of 15 March 1262 records the appointment of the justices in eyre for pleas of the forest in Nottinghamshire (and other northern counties) (*CPR*, 1258-66, 205). The eyre was envisaged 6 April 1262, with William de la Cornere as one of the justices (*CLR*, 1260-7, 83).

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Peak was now part of the appanage granted to The Lord Edward, but Robert de Neville and his colleagues wrote to the king asking whether they should hear pleas (belonging to the period before the grant) at Nottingham as had been the custom for the forest pleas of the Peak (*SC* 1/4, no. 106). The answer, on 20 May 1262, was that they should hear pleas of the Peak (apparently from both before and after the time of the grant) at Nottingham 'as was accustomed to be done in times gone by', saving to Edward the amercements belonging to him (*CR*, 1261-4, 127). This seems to have ignored the implication, inherent in setting up a count court at Derby, that Derbyshire pleas should thenceforth be held there. For all this see Crook, 'The establishment of the Derbyshire county court', 100. This would seem to have been the last of the joint Nottinghamshire/Derbyshire eyres,

#### ACCOUNT

E 372/108 [1264], Rot. 12 mm. 1-2; E 372/113 [1269], Rot. 17 m. 2d; E 372/115 [1271], Rot. 19 m. 1d; E 372/128 [1284], Rot. 14 m. 1d and Rot. 23 m. 1d; E 372/136 [1291], Rot. 20 m. 2d and Rot. 9 m. 2d; E 372/137 [1292], Rot. 2 m. 2d.

An entry recorded on E 372/128 appears in the account for Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire, while the entries recorded on E 372/136 appear in the accounts for Norfolk and Yorkshire.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £236 19s 11½d.

**Oxfordshire eyre**

**1262**

The pipe roll names Alan la Zuche, Nicholas de Romsey and Master William de Powick.

**ACCOUNT**

E 372/108 [1264], Rot. 14 m. 1d; E 372/111 [1267], Rot. 25 m. 2d; E 372/136 [1291], Rot. 18 m. 2d; E 372/137 [1292], Rot. 20 m. 2d; E 372/138 [1293], Rot. 3 m. 1d.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £53 7s 9d.

**Yorkshire eyre**

**1262**

Robert de Neville, Hugh de Bolebec, Robert fitz Ralph and William de Nottingham. The pipe roll names Robert de Neville.

**SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS**

A letter of 15 March 1262 records the appointment of the justices in eyre for pleas of the forest in Yorkshire (*CPR*, 1258-66, 205).

**ACCOUNT**

E 372/106 [1262], Rot. 2 m. 2; E 372/111 [1267], Rot. 14 m. 1; E 372/116 [1272], Rot. 21 m. 1d.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £498 11s 7½d.

**Wiltshire eyre**

**Wilton, 14 January 1263**

Alan la Zuche, Nicholas de Romsey and Master William de Powick. The pipe roll names all 3 justices.

## SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS

A letter of 20 October 1262 records the appointment of the justices in eyre for pleas of the forest in Wiltshire, but names only Alan la Zuche (*CR*, 1261-4, 268).

## PLEA ROLL

E 32/199

m. 1, Appearances. The names of 36 individuals are listed; Essoins. A total of 37 entries; Enrolment of charters, 3 in total; Inquiries into the lawing of dogs and the possession of reasonable estover. A total of 4 entries recorded.

m. 1d, Enrolment of charters, 2 in total; Inquiries into the lawing of dogs etc. A total of 4 entries recorded.

m. 2, Pleas of venison in Braden forest. A total of 12 entries recorded. Details of all gifts of 'beasts' made in Braden forest 41-7 Henry III (1256-7 to 1262-3). A total of 386 animals granted.

m. 2d, Pleas of venison in Selwood forest. A total of 13 entries recorded.

m. 3, Pleas of the vert in Chippenham forest. A total of 16 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £1 7s 8d; Pleas of venison in Chippenham forest. A total of 7 entries recorded.

m. 3d, Pleas of venison in Melksham forest. A total of 5 entries recorded; Pleas of the vert in Melksham forest. A total of 14 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £2 10s 4d; Pleas of the vert in Selwood forest. A total of 48 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £2 2s.

m. 4, Pleas of the vert in Selwood forest. A total of 21 entries recorded, with payments amounting to 13s; Pleas of the vert in Groveley forest. A total of 19 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £1 6s; Agistment of Groveley forest 42-7 Henry III (1257-8 to 1262-3).

m. 4d, Pleas of the vert in Chute forest. A total of 55 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £3 14s.

m. 5, Pleas of the vert in Savernake forest. A total of 39 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £3 1s; Pleas of the vert in Clarendon forest. A total of 24 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £1 10s.

m. 5d, Pleas of the vert in Milchet forest. A total of 12 entries recorded, with payments amounting to 9s; Regard of Savernake forest. Names of 12 regards. There is a list of 1 purpresture and 37 wastes.

m. 6, Regard of Savernake forest. There are 2 further wastes and notice of the seizure of the woods of the prior of St. Swithin's for failure to co-operate with the justices; Regard of Clarendon forest. Names of 12 regards. There is a list of 4 assarts and 15 wastes. Agistment of Clarendon forest. There are entries for the years 42-7 Henry III (1257-8 to 1262-3). Sale of wood in Clarendon; Agistment of Chippenham forest. There are entries for the years 42-7 Henry III (1257-8 to 1262-3).

m. 6d, Agistment of Savernake forest and payments for pannage. There are entries for the years 42-7 Henry III (1257-8 to 1262-3); Agistment of Chute forest. There are entries for the years 42-7 Henry III (1257-8 to 1262-3).

m. 7, Pleas of the vert in Braden forest. A total of 73 entries recorded.

m. 7d, Pleas of the vert in Braden forest. A total of 22 entries recorded.

Amercements for offences against the vert in Braden forest amount to £5 7s; Regard of Braden forest. Names of 12 regards. There is a list of 6 wastes and 1 purpresture. Names of 5 individuals possessing dogs in the forest; Regard of Chippenham and Melksham forests. Names of 12 regards. There is a list of 7 purprestures.

m. 8, Regard of Chippenham and Melksham forests. There is a list of 24 purprestures, 1 assart and 1 waste. Sale of wood; Regard of Selwood forest. Names of 11 regards. There is a list of 4 assarts.

m. 8d, Regard of Selwood forest. There is a list of 2 assarts and 11 wastes. Names of 4 individuals possessing dogs in the forest; Profits of Chippenham and Melksham forests, amounting in total, according to the scribe, to £22 13s 7d; Regard of Chute forest. Names of 12 regards. There is a list of 1 assart and 2 wastes.

m. 9, Pleas of venison in Chute forest. A total of 10 entries recorded.



m. 9d, Pleas of venison in Clarendon forest. A total of 11 entries recorded.  
m. 10, Pleas of venison in Clarendon forest. A total of 5 entries recorded;  
Pleas of venison in Savernake forest. A total of 6 entries recorded.  
m. 10d, Pleas of venison in Savernake forest. A total of 13 entries recorded.  
There is a note that 138 deer have been captured legally in Savernake forest  
since the last eyre.  
mm. 11-12, Amercements for defaults. A total of 209 amerancements recorded,  
with payments amounting to £46 12s 8d.  
m. 12d, Blank.

## **ACCOUNT**

E 372/108 [1264], Rot. 11 m. 2d; E 372/109 [1265], Rot. 9 m. 2; E 372/112  
[1268], Rot. 17 m. 2; E 372/119 [1275], Rot. 16 m. 2; E 372/131 [1286], Rot. 4  
m. 1; E 372/139 [1294], Rot. 18 m. 2d; E 372/140 [1295], Rot. 17 m. 1d.  
Total assessed revenue amounts to £108 3s 9d.

## **Essex eyre**

### **Chelmsford, 1263**

Alan la Zuche, Nicholas de Romsey and William de Powick

## **ESTREAT ROLL**

E 146/1/20

The membranes are stitched together end to end and in all cases the dorse is  
blank.

m. 1, Amercements for defaults. A total of 67 amerancements recorded,  
amounting to £20 11s.  
m. 2, Miscellaneous amerancements, including payments for default, contempt  
and pledges. A total of 82 amerancements recorded, amounting to £50 1s 8d.  
m. 3, Miscellaneous amerancements, including payments for offences against  
the vert, the production of inaccurate rolls and pledges. A total of 94  
amerancements recorded, amounting to £14 19s.

- m. 4, Miscellaneous amercements, including 10 payments for offences against the venison and 40 for assarts. A total of 70 amercements recorded, amounting to £54 12s 4d.
- m. 5, Amercements relating to wastes and the sowing of crops on assarted land. A total of 98 entries recorded, amounting to £13 1s.
- m. 6, Amercements relating to assarts and wastes. A total of 73 entries recorded, amounting to £8 15s 3¼d.
- m. 7, Amercements relating to assarts and wastes. A total of 74 entries recorded, amounting to £3 5s 6d.
- m. 8, Amercements relating to assarts and wastes. A total of 92 entries recorded, amounting to £6 6s 5d.
- m. 9, Amercements relating to assarts and wastes. A total of 96 entries recorded, amounting to £7 13s 3s.
- m. 10, Amercements relating to assarts and wastes. A total of 88 entries recorded, amounting to £6 16s 4½d.
- m. 11, Amercements relating to assarts, wastes, pannage and the possession of dogs in the forest. A total of 70 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £25 17s 9½d.
- m. 12, [This membrane is very much shorter than the others which constitute the roll]. Miscellaneous amercements, including payments for the possession of dogs, for an inquisition and for the recovery of a wood seized into the king's hands. A total of 6 amercements recorded, amounting to £4 6s 8d.

## ACCOUNT

The revenue recorded on the estreat roll amounts to £215 16s 3¼d. There is no record of this revenue on the pipe rolls.

## The 1269-72 Visitation

The justices named are Roger de Clifford, Matthew de Columbers, Nicholas de Romsey, Reginald de Oakley and Henry de Burghull. The initial circuit commissioned on 9 June 1269 was for eyres in Dorset and Somerset, Gloucestershire, Hampshire. Rutland and Surrey (*CPR*, 1266-72, 347). A

letter of 6 November 1272 records the appointment of Thomas de Bolton and Reginald de Oakley as justices in eyre for pleas of the forest in Derbyshire, but there is no evidence that it ever took place (*CPR*, 1266-72, 712). The explanation for this almost certainly lies in the death of Henry III shortly after the commission was issued.

## **Rutland Eyre**

**Oakham, 25 June 1269**

Roger de Clifford, Matthew de Columbers, Nicholas de Romsey and Reginald de Oakley. The pipe roll names Roger de Clifford.

## **SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS**

Writ of summons, dated 6 May 1269, for an eyre in the forests of Rutland (*CR*, 1268-72, 117). The appointment of the justices is also recorded on the patent roll in a letter of 9 June 1269 (*CPR*, 1266-72, 347).

## **PLEA ROLL**

**E 32/140**

[Turner reproduces 1 of the pleas of venison recorded on m. 2 (*Select Pleas*, p. 44) and another plea for which he does not give a membrane reference (*ibid.*, pp. 43-4). He then details the extortions of Peter de Neville recorded on mm. 3-4 (*ibid.*, pp. 44-53) and reproduces the perambulation of the forest bounds on m. 4d (*ibid.*, p. 53). A brief summary of the information contained on this roll also appears in *V.C.H. Rutland*, i, p. 252].

m. 1, Essoins. A total of 15 entries.

m. 1d, Appearances. The names of 16 individuals are listed, with a brief note as to the nature of their offences.

m. 2, Pleas of venison in the forest of Rutland. A total of 7 entries recorded.

m. 2d, Pleas of venison in the forest of Rutland. A total of 13 entries recorded.

mm. 3-4, A list of the depredations of Peter de Neville [A smaller piece of parchment is attached to a corner of m. 4. It details further offences committed by Peter de Neville. The dorse is blank].

m. 4d, Perambulation of the forest bounds in Rutland

m. 5, Pleas of the vert in the forest of Rutland. A total of 13 entries recorded, with payments amounting to 15s; Details of the sale of wood, legitimate and otherwise, in the time of Ralph de Neville; 2 fines for the possession of rights; Regard of the forest of Rutland. Names of 12 regards, who stated that no new assarts had been made within the forest bounds, all existing assarts had been arrented and the sheriff had answered for the monies therefrom at the Exchequer. There is a list of 5 wastes; Agistment for the years 40-51 Henry III (1255-6 to 1266-7). Names of the 2 newly elected agisters; Entries relating to the sale of wood.

m. 5d, Amercements for defaults, arranged on a hundred basis. A total of 60 amerancements recorded, amounting to £65 10s 6d; Amercements for the possession of dogs in the forest. A total of 8 amerancements recorded.

## ACCOUNT

E 372/116 [1272], Rot. 12 m. 1d.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £154 5d.

## Hampshire Eyre

**Winchester, 30 September 1269**

Roger de Clifford, Matthew de Columbers, Nicholas de Romsey and Reginald de Oakley. The pipe roll names Roger de Clifford junior and Matthew de Columbers.

## SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS

A letter of 9 June 1269 records the appointment of the justices in eyre for pleas of the forest in Hampshire (*CPR*, 1266-72, 347). It would appear that

the justices were in session from 30 September until 1 November 1269 (*Ann. Mon.*, ii, 107).

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

There is a reference to the issues of the eyre 3 November 1269 (*CLR*, 1267-72, no. 892). See also *ibid.*, no. 1715.

#### PLEA ROLL

##### E 32/158

An additional membrane is stitched to the front of this roll. It simply bears the heading 'Transcription of the perambulation'. The dorse of the membrane is blank.

m. 1, Appearances. The names of 18 individuals are listed; Essoins. A total of 58 entries; Enrolment of charters, 2 in total.

m. 1d, Amercements for defaults, arranged on a hundred basis. A total of 97 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £22 19s 8d.

m. 2, Pleas of venison in Alice Holt and Wolmer forests. A total of 7 entries recorded.

m. 2d, Pleas of venison in Alice Holt and Wolmer forests. A total of 6 entries recorded.

m. 3, Pleas of venison in Alice Holt and Wolmer forests. A total of 4 entries recorded; 1 entry outlining certain rights of the forester of Alice Holt; 1 entry relating to the possession of dogs in the forest.

m. 3d, Blank.

mm. 4-4d, Regard of Alice Holt and Wolmer forests. Names of 12 regards. There is a list of 21 assarts, 34 purprestures and 1 waste; A long entry detailing the damage done to the forests in the time of Alan de Plugenet; Agistment in Alice Holt and Wolmer forests for the years 42-53 Henry III (1257-8 to 1268-9).

m. 5, Enrolment of charters, 8 in total.

m. 5d, Blank.

m. 6, Pleas of the vert in the bailiwick of Matthew de Columbers [Finkley and Digerley forests and the 'wood' of Anne]. A total of 99 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £6 10s 2d.

m. 6d, Pleas of the vert in the bailiwick of Matthew de Columbers [Finkley and Digerley forests and the 'wood' of Anne]. A total of 103 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £4 19s.

m. 7, Pleas of the vert in the bailiwick of Matthew de Columbers. A total of 145 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £7 19s 4d; Agistment in Finkley and Digerley forests for the years 42-53 Henry III (1257-8 to 1268-9).

m. 7d, Pleas of venison in the bailiwick of Matthew de Columbers. A total of 2 entries recorded; An inquiry into the rights of agistment of in his own wood of Oliver de Punchardon.

m. 8, Pleas of venison in the bailiwick of Matthew de Columbers. A total of 5 entries recorded.

m. 8d, Pleas of venison in the bailiwick of Matthew de Columbers. A total of 5 entries recorded.

m. 9, Pleas of venison in the bailiwick of Matthew de Columbers. A total of 9 entries recorded.

m. 9d, Pleas of venison in the bailiwick of Matthew de Columbers. A total of 7 entries recorded.

m. 10, Pleas of venison in the bailiwick of Matthew de Columbers. A total of 6 entries recorded.

m. 10d, Pleas of venison in the bailiwick of Matthew de Columbers. A total of 7 entries recorded.

m. 11, Pleas of venison in the bailiwick of Matthew de Columbers. A total of 8 entries recorded.

m. 11d, Pleas of venison in the bailiwick of Matthew de Columbers. A total of 5 entries recorded.

m. 12, The heading at the top of the membrane is 'Further [claims] of Oliver de Punchardon'. There follow 4 entries relating to the rights and land claimed by the Prior of Oakburn.

m. 12d, Further transgressions of Oliver de Punchardon. There are 4 entries under this heading; Names of 2 men having possession of dogs in the forest; Pleas of venison in Freemantle forest.

m. 13, Regard of the bailiwick of Matthew de Columbers. Names of 7 regards. There is a list of 7 assarts, 9 purprestures and 9 wastes.

m. 13d, Regard of the bailiwick of Matthew de Columbers. There is a list of 13 wastes and a note of a charter allowing the prior of Andover to take wood from the forest; Regard of Freemantle forest, with the same 7 regards responsible. There is a list of 13 purprestures and 14 wastes.

m. 14, Regard of the bailiwick of Matthew de Columbers. There is a list of 15 assarts; Totals for oak trees [54], wind-fallen wood [167 oaks] and beasts of the forest [373] taken from Digerley for the king's use since the last eyre.

m. 14d, Blank.

m. 15, Pleas of the vert in Bagshot forest. A total of 7 entries recorded, with payments amounting to 9s; Regard of Bagshot forest. Names of 12 regards. There is a list of 2 assarts and 28 purprestures.

m. 15d, Regard of Bagshot forest; There are 2 wastes recorded. The names of 7 men possessing dogs in the forest; Pleas of venison in Bagshot forest. A total of 3 entries recorded.

m. 16, Pleas of the vert in Porchester forest. A total of 64 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £2 16s; Names of 5 men possessing dogs in the forest.

mm. 16d-17, Regard of Porchester forest. Names of 12 regards. There is a list of 24 assarts and purprestures and 10 wastes.

m. 17d, Pleas of venison in Porchester forest. A total of 9 entries recorded.

m. 18, Regard of Porchester forest. Details of the revenue collected by various custodians of Porchester castle and deer taken by the bishop of Winchester over and above a royal grant; Payments for pannage in Porchester forest for the years 42-53 Henry III (1257-8 to 1268-9); Inquiry into the rights of Agnes de Cobham with regard to the payment of pannage.

m. 18d, Blank.

m. 19, Pleas of venison in Bere Ashley forest. A total of 12 entries recorded, 1 of which relates to the failure of townships to attend an inquisition with full powers.

m. 19d, Pleas of the vert in Bere Ashley forest. A total of 41 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £1 11s; Regard of Bere Ashley forest. Names of 12 regarders. There is a list of 23 assarts and purprestures and 4 wastes.

m. 20, Pleas of the vert in Pamber and Eversley forests; A total of 46 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £2 8s 8d; Pleas of venison in Pamber and Eversley forests. A total of 2 entries recorded.

m. 20d, Pleas of venison in Pamber and Eversley forests. A total of 7 entries recorded.

#### ACCOUNT

E 372/114 [1270], Rot. 5 m. 2; E 372/115 [1271], Rot. 15 m. 1d; E 372/116 [1272], Rot. 12 m. 1; E 372/117 [1273], Rot. 3 m. 1d; E 372/118 [1274], Rot. 17 m. 1d; E 372/119 [1275], Rot. 3 m. 1d; E 372/120 [1276], Rot. 12 m. 1d; E 372/122 [1278], Rot. 9 m. 2d; E 372/131 [1286], Rot. 8 m. 2; E 372/133 [1288], Rot. 15 m. 2d; E 372/137 [1292], Rot. 22 m. 2.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £308 8s 7½d.

#### Dorset eyre

**Sherborne, 25 November 1269**

Roger de Clifford, Matthew de Columbers, Nicholas de Romsey and Reginald de Oakley. The pipe roll names Roger de Clifford and Matthew de Columbers.

#### SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS

A letter of 9 June 1269 records the appointment of the justices in eyre for pleas of the forest in Dorset (*CPR*, 1266-72, 347). An additional letter of 5 February 1270 notes that Henry de Burghull has been appointed to replace Roger de Clifford, as the latter is in Ireland on the king's business (*CPR*, 1266-72, 405).



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The eyre was concluded by 18 May 1270 (*CLR*, 1267-72, no. 1113).

## PLEA ROLL

E 32/11

[A brief summary of the information contained on this roll appears in *V.C.H. Dorset*, ii, p. 290. The eyre is ascribed to 1270. Much of the supporting evidence points to a 1270 date for the eyre, but the plea roll itself indicates otherwise].

m. 1, Appearances. A single name is listed; Essoins. A total of 9 entries; Amercements for defaults, arranged on a hundred basis. A total of 11 amerancements recorded, amounting to £4 5s 4d; 2 inquiries into the rights of foresters-in-fee.

m. 1d, Pleas of the vert in the Blackmore. A total of 78 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £6 7s 8d; Pleas of the vert in Powerstock forest. A total of 5 entries recorded, with payments amounting to 5s; Pleas of the vert in Gillingham forest. A total of 21 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £2 18s. There are then 11 entries, with no monetary value assigned, relating to the illegal seizure of oak trees. Details of oak trees legally removed from the forest [1388 in total].

m. 2, Pleas of venison in Powerstock forest. A total of 3 pleas recorded; Regard of Powerstock forest. Names of 6 regards, with a note that there are only 6 because the other 6 are also responsible for Bere forest and have not been allowed to attend the court by Edmund, the king's son. The regards have not answered for any assarts or purprestures, but reported the legitimate acquisitions of Johanna de Gowis etc.; Agistment in Powerstock forest for the years 43-53 Henry III (1258-9 to 1268-9); Agistment in Gillingham forest for the years 42-54 Henry III (1257-8 to 1269-70).

m. 2d, Blank.

m. 3, Pleas of venison in Blackmore forest. A total of 17 entries recorded.

m. 3d, Pleas of venison in Gillingham forest. A total of 13 entries recorded; Further pleas of venison in Blackmore forest. A single plea is listed.

mm. 4-4d, Regard of Gillingham and Powerstock forests. Names of 11 regards. There is a list of 61 assarts and purprestures and 3 wastes. Enrolment of 2 inquiries.

m. 5, Enrolment of charters, 2 in total; Pleas of venison in Gillingham forest. A single plea is recorded.

m. 5d, A list of money owed by royal foresters from the sale of wood etc. There are 19 entries of varying types. Profits of the swanimote, amounting to £5 a year over a period of 11 years.

## **ACCOUNT**

E 372/114 [1270], Rot. 17 m. 2d; E 372/116 [1272], Rot. 22 m. 1; E 372/117 [1273], Rot. 15 m. 1d; E 372/118 [1274], Rot. 12 m. 2; E 372/119 [1275], Rot. 1 m. 1d; E 372/120 [1276], Rot. 14 m. 1; E 372/121 [1277], Rot. 3 m. 1d; E 372/122 [1278], Rot. 24 m. 1d; E 372/123 [1279], Rot. 13 m. 1d; E 372/128 [1284], Rot. 19 m. 2; E 372/137 [1292], Rot. 15 m. 2d.

The entries recorded on E 372/117 appear in the account for Wiltshire, while the single entry recorded on E 372/123 is derived from the New Forest.

Total assessed revenue for Dorset and Somerset amounts to £255 19s 8d.

## **Wiltshire eyre**

**Wilton, 14 January 1270**

Roger de Clifford, Matthew de Columbers, Nicholas de Romsey and Reginald de Oakley. The pipe roll names Roger de Clifford.

## **SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS**

A letter of 5 February 1270 notes that Henry de Burghull has been commissioned to replace Roger de Clifford, as the latter is in Ireland on the king's business (*CPR*, 1266-72, 405).

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The eyre was probably concluded by 14 May 1270 (*CLR*, 1267-72, no. 1108). See also *ibid.*, nos. 1114, 1116, 1603.

## PLEA ROLL

### E 32/200

m. 1, Appearances. The names of 21 individuals are listed; Essoins. A total of 44 entries.

m. 1d, Enrolment of charters, 5 in total; 'Further information' relating to Matthew de Columbers' bailiwick of 'Huppingscumbe'. The single entry that follows is concerned with the illegal pasture of animals in the chace by 'the above-mentioned malefactors and others of the township of Wexcombe'. It is clearly a continuation of pleas recorded on the following membrane [m. 2].

m. 2, Pleas of the vert in the bailiwick of Matthew de Columbers. A total of 38 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £2 2s [£2 3s if the extra plea recorded on E 32/201 is included]. There are then 2 entries detailing offences in the chace of 'Huppingscumbe'.

m. 2d, Pleas of venison in the bailiwick of Matthew de Columbers. A total of 4 entries recorded.

m. 3, Pleas of venison in the bailiwick of Matthew de Columbers. A total of 6 entries recorded.

m. 3d, Pleas of venison in the bailiwick of Matthew de Columbers. A total of 7 entries recorded.

m. 4, Pleas of venison in the bailiwick of Matthew de Columbers. A total of 10 entries recorded.

m. 4d, Pleas of venison in the bailiwick of Matthew de Columbers. A total of 3 entries recorded; Details of beasts of the forest taken for the use of the king and his eldest son since the last eyre. Edward has taken 80 without warrant and 281 have been taken legitimately; Regard of Chute forest. Names of 12 regards. There is a list of 4 wastes. Details of wood taken from the forest by Matthew de Columbers for the use of the king. Notice of the regards that they were prevented from making the regard in certain areas. Money from the

sale of windfallen wood. Agistment for Chute forest for the years 47-53 Henry III (1262-3 to 1268-9). Inquiry into the pannage rights of the prioress of Amesbury. Notice of failure of 3 villages to attend inquisitions.

m. 5, Pleas of the vert in Clarendon forest. A total of 73 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £4 8s 4d; Pleas of the vert in Milchet forest. A total of 11 entries recorded, with payments amounting to 10s; Pleas of the vert in Groveley forest. A total of 13 entries recorded, with payments amounting to 8s; Agistment in Groveley forest. There are entries for the years 48-53 Henry III (1263-4 to 1268-9); Agistment in Clarendon forest. There are entries for the years 48-51 Henry III (1263-4 to 1266-7).

m. 5d, Regard of Clarendon, Milchet, Bentelwood and Groveley forests.

Names of 12 regards. There is a list of 38 purprestures and 22 wastes.

m. 6, Pleas of venison in Clarendon forest. A total of 8 entries recorded.

m. 6d, Pleas of venison in Clarendon forest. A total of 13 entries recorded.

m. 7, Pleas of the vert in Braden forest. A total of 89 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £6 6s.

m. 7d, Regard of Braden forest. Names of 12 regards. There is a list of 36 purprestures and 2 wastes. Names of 3 newly elected verderers.

m. 8, Pleas of venison in Braden forest. A total of 9 entries recorded; Details of beasts legitimately taken from the forest [158]; Inquiry into the statements of the verderers regarding deer taken by the abbot of Amesbury.

m. 8d, Pleas of venison in Groveley forest. A total of 10 entries recorded.

m. 9, Pleas of vert in Savernake forest. A total of 132 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £10 9s 4d.

mm. 9d-10, Regard of Savernake forest. Names of 12 regards. There is a list of 2 assarts, 8 purprestures and 41 wastes. Enrolment of a pardon granted to the abbess of Wilton for land assarted.

m. 10d, Pleas of venison in Savernake forest. A total of 7 entries recorded.

m. 11, Pleas of venison in Savernake forest. A total of 17 entries recorded.

m. 11d, Pleas of venison in Savernake forest. A total of 11 entries recorded.

m. 12, Pleas of the vert in Selwood forest. A total of 43 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £2 11s 8d; Pleas of venison in Selwood forest. A total of 4 entries recorded.

m. 12d, Pleas of venison in Selwood forest. A total of 7 entries recorded.

m. 13, Regard of Selwood forest. Names of 12 regards. There is a list of 5 assarts, 7 purprestures and 23 wastes.

m. 13d, Names of 2 newly elected verderers in Selwood forest.

m. 14, Regard of Chippenham and Melksham forests. Names of 12 regards. There is a list of 9 purprestures and 1 waste. Details of wood taken from the forests for the use of the king; Pleas of the vert in Melksham forest. A total of 6 entries recorded, with payments amounting to 11s; Pleas of venison in Chippenham and Melksham forests. A total of 6 entries recorded.

m. 14d, Pleas of venison in Chippenham and Melksham. A total of 3 entries recorded.

m. 15, Amercements for defaults, arranged on a hundred basis. A total of 91 amerancements recorded, amounting to £31 14s.

m. 15d, Blank.

## PLEA ROLL

E 32/201

This roll is largely the same as the above. There are some differences of arrangement, but only the following concrete changes.

m. 1, The names of 2 men appearing on the first day of the hearings have been missed out; There is an additional essoin.

m. 2, There is a single additional plea of the vert.

m. 5, The addition of a single purpresture in the regard of Chippenham and Melksham forests.

m. 6d, 3 of the wastes listed in the regard of Clarendon and Milchet forests have not been included.

m. 9d, The names of the newly elected verderers in Braden forest have not been included.

## ACCOUNT

E 372/114 [1270], Rot. 3 m. 1d; E 372/115 [1271], Rot. 11 m. 1; E 372/116 [1272], Rot. 17 m. 2; E 372/117 [1273], Rot. 15 m. 1d; E 372/119 [1275], Rot. 16 m. 1d; E 372/131 [1286], Rot. 4 m. 1; E 372/139 [1294], Rot. 21 m. 1d.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £322 4d.

## Somerset eyre

**Ilchester, 23 May 1270**

Henry de Burghull, Matthew de Columbers, Nicholas de Romsey and Reginald de Oakley. The pipe roll names Roger de Clifford and Matthew de Columbers.

## SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS

A letter of 9 June 1269 records the appointment of the justices in eyre for pleas of the forest in Somerset (*CPR*, 1266-72, 347). An additional letter of 5 February 1270 notes that Henry de Burghull will replace Roger de Clifford, named in the first instance, as the latter is in Ireland on the king's business (*CPR*, 1266-72, 405).

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

There is a reference to the issues of the 'last' eyre in Somerset and Dorset on 18 May 1270 (*CLR*, 1267-72, no. 1113), which appears to indicate that the eyre had been concluded. Possibly the issues were only those from the Dorset eyre (see above pp. 259-61).

## PLEA ROLL

E 32/153

[4 of the 5 entries recorded on m. 8d are printed in Turner, *Select Pleas*, pp. 42-3 and a brief summary of the information on this roll appears in *V.C.H. Somerset*, ii, pp. 551, 557, 559, 562 and 564.

Finally all information on the roll relating to Exmoor forest is translated in E.T. MacDermot, pp. 84-90].

m. 1, Amercements for defaults. A total of 183 amerancements recorded amounting to approximately £49 10s 4d; Essoins. Only 1 name is listed.

mm. 1d-2, Enrolment of charters, 13 in total.

m. 2d, Blank.

m. 3, Pleas of the vert in Selwood forest. A total of 88 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £3 15s; Pleas of the vert in Mendip forest. A total of 37 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £1 14s; Pleas of the vert in Somerton warren. A total of 15 entries recorded, with payments amounting to 16s; Pleas of the vert in Neroche forest. A total of 22 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £1 11s.

m. 3d, Pleas of venison in Selwood forest. A total of 10 entries recorded.

m. 4, Pleas of venison in Selwood forest. A total of 11 entries recorded.

m. 4d, Pleas of venison in Selwood forest. A total of 7 entries recorded.

m. 5, Pleas of venison in Selwood forest. A total of 11 entries recorded.

m. 5d, Pleas of venison in Selwood forest. A total of 10 entries recorded.

m. 6, Pleas of venison in Selwood forest. A total of 4 entries recorded; Regard of Mendip forest, presented by the regards of Selwood. There are only 3 purprestures.

m. 6d, Pleas of venison in Selwood forest. There is a single entry, giving the names of many who are considered habitual offenders in the forests of Devon and Somerset.

m. 7, Pleas of venison in Selwood forest. A total of 4 entries recorded; Pleas of venison in Neroche forest. A total of 9 entries recorded.

m. 7d, Pleas of venison in Neroche forest. A single plea is recorded; Regard of Selwood forest. Names of 12 regards. There is a list of 16 purprestures, 5 assarts and 10 wastes.

m. 8, Pleas of venison in Mendip forest. A total of 14 entries recorded.

m. 8d, Pleas of venison in Mendip forest. A single plea is recorded. Pleas of venison in Somerton warren. A total of 4 entries recorded.

m. 9, Pleas of the vert in Exmoor forest. A total of 64 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £3 3s; Pleas of the vert in the park of North Petherton. A total of 8 entries recorded, with payments amounting to 19s 4d. There is a further entry giving the names of those who are considered habitual offenders in the park. They are expected to pay a total of £1 14s 8d.

m. 9d, Pleas of venison in Exmoor forest. A total of 10 entries recorded.

m. 10, Pleas of venison in Exmoor forest. A total of 4 entries recorded; Pleas of venison in the park of North Petherton. A total of 7 entries recorded.

m. 10d, Pleas of venison in the park of North Petherton. A total of 5 entries recorded; Pleas of venison in Exmoor forest. A single plea is recorded.

m. 11, Regard of Exmoor forest. Names of 12 regards. There is a list of 4 assarts, 2 entries relating to turbaries and 5 wastes; Regard of Neroche forest. Names of 12 regards, all of whom have been amerced for failure to present information about woods newly in waste. There is a list of 13 wastes.

m. 11d, Regard of the park of North Petherton. Names of 12 regards. There is a list of 15 purprestures.

## ESTREAT ROLL

E 101/119/2

This roll is unusual in that it does not have the symbols marked in the margin indicating payment at the Exchequer. This suggests that it is a later, although still thirteenth-century, copy of a contemporary estreat roll.

mm. 1-1d, Fines and amercements derived from Crown pleas heard before Roger de Thirkleby and his associates 33 Henry III (1248-9).

m. 2, Fines, redemptions and amercements recorded before Roger de Clifford, Matthew de Columbers, Nicholas de Romsey and Reginald de Oakley 23 May 1270. A total of 36 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £83 6s 8d.

m. 2d, Blank.

m. 3, Fines before the Bench, heard by Roger de Thirkleby and his associates at Michaelmas, Hilary, Easter and Trinity 36-7 Henry III (1251-2 to 1252-3) and Trinity 37 Henry III (1252-3) [this membrane consists of 2 pieces



of parchment stitched together. I have not counted them as 2 separate membranes].

m. 3d, Blank.

#### ACCOUNT

E 372/114 [1270], Rot. 17 m. 2d; E 372/116 [1272], Rot. 22 m. 1; E 372/117 [1273], Rot. 15 m. 1d; E 372/118 [1274], Rot. 12 m. 2; E 372/119 [1275], Rot. 1 m. 1d; E 372/120 [1276], Rot. 14 m. 1; E 372/121 [1277], Rot. 3 m. 1d; E 372/122 [1278], Rot. 24 m. 1d; E 372/123 [1279], Rot. 13 m. 1d; E 372/128 [1284], Rot. 19 m. 2; E 372/137 [1292], Rot. 15 m. 2d.

The entries recorded on E 372/117 appear in the account for Wiltshire, while the single entry on E 372/123 is derived from the New Forest.

Total assessed revenue for Dorset and Somerset amounts to £255 19s 8d.

#### Surrey Eyre

**Guildford, 8 July 1270**

Roger de Clifford, Matthew de Columbers, Nicholas de Romsey and Reginald de Oakley. The pipe roll names Roger de Clifford.

#### SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS

A letter of 9 June 1269 records the appointment of the justices in eyre for pleas of the forest in Surrey (*CPR*, 1266-72, 347).

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

There is a reference to the issues of the presumably forthcoming eyre 13 August 1269 (*CLR*, 1267-72, no. 818).

#### PLEA ROLL

E 32/194

[The entries recorded on mm. 3d, 4-4d are printed in Turner, *Select Pleas*, pp. 54-60. Turner also reproduces the perambulation of the forest bounds on m. 1 but wrongly ascribes it to m. 1d (*ibid.*, p. 61 and n. 1)].

[This roll is particularly difficult to read].

m. 1, Appearances. The names of 16 individuals are listed, but the last has been struck through because the correct procedure was in fact followed; Essoins. A total of 5 entries; Amercements for defaults. A total of 25 amercements recorded, amounting to £6 12s. 1 of the entries has been struck through for the same reason cited above, while 1 village is stated to owe nothing because it is without the bounds of the forest; Metes and bounds of the forest of Surrey.

m. 1d, Pleas of the vert in the forest of Surrey. A total of 40 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £1 7s; Names of 15 men possessing dogs in the forest; There are 3 entries at the bottom of the membrane which appear to have been erased.

m. 2, Pleas of venison in the forest of Surrey. A total of 10 entries recorded.

m. 2d, Pleas of venison in the forest of Surrey. A total of 13 entries recorded.

m. 3, Pleas of venison in the forest of Surrey. A total of 2 entries recorded.

m. 3d, Pleas of venison in the royal park of Guildford. A total of 5 entries recorded, the third of which might be more correctly classified as a plea of the vert.

m. 4, Pleas of venison in the royal park of Guildford. A total of 7 entries recorded.

m. 4d, The heading is simply 'Further [information] about the park'. There follows information concerning agistment and herbage in Guildford in the years 41-52 Henry III (1256-7 to 1267-8); 5 entries relating to the sale of wood in the park.

mm. 5-8, Regard [but no indication whether it is a regard of the forest of Surrey generally or the park of Guildford particularly]. Names of 12 regards. There is a list of 41 old assarts, 5 new assarts, 19 wastes and 372 purprestures.

m. 8d, Blank.

The scribe has provided running totals at the bottom of each rotulet, except the fourth, which has either been lost or was never appended. They add up to approximately £48 15s 1d.

#### **ACCOUNT**

E 372/114 [1270], Rot. 8 m. 1d; E 372/128 [1284], Rot. 17 m. 2; E 372/139 [1294], Rot. 28 m. 2.

Additional payments amounting to £3 13s 4d are recorded in the account for Sussex (E 372/118 [1274], Rot. 13 m. 1), but it is noted that they have been cancelled and transferred to Surrey as there is no forest in the former county. There are also pannage and herbage entries for Sussex recorded on E372/115 [1271], Rot. 13 m. 1.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £32 11s 9d.

#### **Gloucestershire eyre**

**Gloucester, 6 October 1270**

Roger de Clifford junior, Matthew de Columbers, Nicholas de Romsey and Reginald de Oakley. The pipe roll names Roger de Clifford junior.

#### **SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS**

A letter of 9 June 1269 records the appointment of the justices in eyre for pleas of the forest in Gloucestershire (*CPR*, 1266-72, 347).

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

There is a reference to the issues of the eyre 10 March 1272 (*CLR*, 1267-72, no. 1859).

#### **PLEA ROLL**

E 32/29

[This eyre is noted in *V.C.H. Gloucestershire*, ii, p. 268, with a note as to the number of itinerant forges].

m. 1, Appearances. The names of 20 individuals are listed; Essoins. A total of 27 entries; Enrolment of a single charter; Amercements for defaults, arranged on a hundred basis. A total of 23 amerancements, amounting to £3 1s 4d.

m. 1d, List of the offences committed by royal officials in the Forest of Dean since the last eyre. The depredations of successive constables of St. Briavels and their ministers are detailed. At the bottom of the membrane the scribe has calculated totals for the exactions of Robert le Waleys, John Giffard and Thomas de Clare [£307 13s 4d, £1320 and £1048 12s respectively].

m. 2, Further offences of royal officials; List of those with forges in the forest. A total of 42 names given, with amerancements totalling £10 17s 4d

m. 2d, Blank.

m. 3, Pleas of the vert in the Forest of Dean. A total of 179 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £16 1s 4d.

m. 3d, Blank.

m. 4, Pleas of venison in the Forest of Dean. A total of 12 entries recorded.

m. 4d, Pleas of venison in the Forest of Dean. A total of 11 entries recorded.

m. 5, Pleas of venison in the Forest of Dean. A total of 11 entries recorded.

m. 5d, Pleas of venison in the Forest of Dean. A total of 13 entries recorded.

m. 6, Pleas of venison in the Forest of Dean. A total of 6 entries recorded.

m. 6d, Pleas of venison in the Forest of Dean. A total of 3 entries recorded: Single plea of the vert.

mm. 7-8d, Regard of the Forest of Dean. Names of 11 regarders. There is a list of 116 assarts and 14 wastes. There are 7 pleas of the vert, 6 of which are concerned with the purchase of illegally sold wood.

## ACCOUNT

E 372/115 [1271], Rot. 2 mm. 1d-2d; E 372/116 [1272], Rot. 24 m. 2d; E 372/123 [1279], Rot. 4 m. 2; E 372/125 [1281], Rot. 22 m. 2d; E 372/135 [1290], Rot. 13 mm. 1d-2d.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £1617 7s 5½d. This sum is primarily made up of large amercements levied on individuals for destruction of the vert in the Forest of Dean. For example, John Giffard of Brimpsfield owes £1218.

### **Worcestershire eyre**

#### **Worcester, 29 October 1270**

Roger de Clifford, Matthew de Columbers, Nicholas de Romsey and Reginald de Oakley. The pipe roll names Roger de Clifford and Matthew de Columbers.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The eyre is noted in the annals of Worcester cathedral priory (*Ann. Mon.*, iv, 460) and it would appear that they were still in session early in 1271 (*ibid.*, 461). There is also a reference to the issues of the eyre 1 November 1270 (*CLR*, 1267-72, no. 1293).

#### **PLEA ROLL**

E 32/229

[A brief summary of the information contained on this roll appears in *V.C.H. Worcestershire*, ii, p. 316].

m. 1, Appearances. The names of 3 individuals are listed; Essoins. A total of 13 entries; Pleas of the vert in the forest of Feckenham. A total of 147 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £6 10s [The scribe has arrived at a total of £6 9s].

m. 1d, Pleas of the vert in the royal park [*sic*] of Feckenham. A total of 28 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £2 5s; Amercements for defaults. A total of 81 amercements recorded, amounting to £33 14s 4d; Pleas of the vert in Popperode. A total of 20 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £1 2s.

m. 2, Pleas of venison in Feckenham forest. A total of 10 entries recorded.

m. 2d, Pleas of venison in Feckenham forest. A total of 10 entries recorded.

m. 3, Pleas of venison in Feckenham forest. A total of 9 entries recorded.

m. 3d, Pleas of venison in Feckenham forest. A total of 10 entries recorded.  
m. 4, Pleas of venison in Feckenham forest. A total of 9 entries recorded.  
m. 4d, Pleas of venison in Feckenham forest. A total of 7 entries recorded.  
m. 5, Pleas of venison in Feckenham forest. A total of 13 entries recorded.  
m. 5d, Pleas of venison in Feckenham forest. A total of 13 entries recorded.  
m. 6, Pleas of venison in Feckenham forest. A total of 7 entries recorded.  
m. 6d, Blank.

mm. 7-9, Regard of Feckenham forest. Names of 12 regards. There is a list of 30 new assarts, 81 old assarts, 44 new purprestures, 17 new wastes and 16 old wastes.

m. 9d, An entry regarding the bailiwick of Robert Streche, forester in fee, confiscated as a result of his depredations and granted to Walter Marshal. However Walter and his men have been guilty of further destruction.

mm. 10-10d, Regard of Popperode. Names of 11 regards. There is a list of 4 assarts, 5 purprestures and 18 wastes. Details of the depredations of royal officials in the bailiwick of 'La Lekheye'

The scribe has provided running totals at the bottom of many of the membranes. At the end of m. 10d he offers a total for the whole eyre of £179 6s 4½d and for wastes and prises of £19 8s.

## COPY ROLL

E 32/228

For a full description of this roll see above pp. 243-4.

m. 1, Pleas of venison. A total of 5 entries recorded [drawn from mm. 2-2d of E 32/229 above]; Regard of Feckenham forest. There is a list of 17 new assarts [drawn from mm. 7-8 of E 32/229] and 25 old assarts [drawn from m. 7d of E 32/229].

m. 1d, Blank.

m. 2, Regard of Feckenham forest. There is a list of 7 new purprestures [drawn from mm. 8-8d of E 32/229], 11 new wastes [drawn from m. 9 of E 32/229] and 15 old wastes [drawn from m. 9 of E 32/229]; Regard of

Popperode forest. There is a list of 7 assarts and purprestures [drawn from m. 10 of E 32/229], 3 old wastes [drawn from m. 10 of E 32/229] and 12 new wastes [drawn from m. 10 of E 32/229]; The membrane ends with the first sentence of the list of depredations of forest officials [m. 10d of E 32/229]. mm. 3-5d, 1262 Worcestershire eyre

#### ACCOUNT

E 372/115 [1271], Rot. 10 m. 1d; E 372/116 [1272], Rot. 7 m. 1; E 372/117 [1273], Rot. 2 m. 1d.

The entries recorded on E 372/116 and E 372/117 appear in the account for Warwickshire and Leicestershire.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £98 3s.

#### **Staffordshire eyre**

**Lichfield, 30 September 1271**

Roger de Clifford, Matthew de Columbers and Nicholas de Romsey. The pipe roll names Roger de Clifford.

#### SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS

A letter of 16 September 1271 records the appointment of the justices in eyre for pleas of the forest in Staffordshire (*CR*, 1268-72, 403). The date is originally given as a month after Easter. This would seem to indicate that the eyre was to be held after Easter 1272. However, this is contradicted by other evidence and it may be that 16 September is a mistake for 16 March (the letter appears on the roll amidst other letters for March). Thus the eyre was planned for a month after Easter (3 May) 1271. However, a letter of 18 May 1271 advises Roger de Clifford and his associates that they are not to hear pleas until the following Michaelmas, either in Staffordshire or any other counties (*CR*, 1268-72, 416).

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

There is a reference to the issues of the eyre 29 October 1271 (*CLR*, 1267-72, no. 1730). The eyre was concluded by 10 January 1272 (*ibid.*, no. 1819).

## PLEA ROLL

E 32/184

[A partial translation of this roll appears in Wrottesley, pp. 140-156 and the eyre is also noted in *V.C.H. Staffordshire*, ii, p. 337.

The information contained on the dorse of mm. 2-11 is written from bottom to top].

m. 1, Appearances. The names of 30 individuals are listed; Essoins. A total of 11 entries; Pleas of the vert in Kinver forest. A total of 26 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £9 6s 8d.

m. 1d, The attorney of the prior of Worcester is named; Enrolment of charters, 6 in total.

m. 2, Pleas of venison in Kinver forest. A total of 7 entries recorded, with 3 additional entries relating to the failure of townships to attend inquisitions with full powers.

m. 2d, Pleas of venison in Kinver forest. A total of 9 entries recorded.

m. 3, Pleas of venison in Kinver forest. A total of 13 entries recorded.

m. 3d, Pleas of venison in Kinver forest. A total of 2 entries recorded; Regard of Kinver forest. Names of 12 regards. There is a list of 5 new assarts and 1 new purpresture, involving 15 named individuals.

m. 4, Regard of Kinver forest. There is a list of 7 purprestures, 18 old assarts and 2 wastes.

m. 4d, Pleas of the vert in Cannock forest. A total of 104 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £16 6s 8d;

m. 5, Pleas of venison in Cannock. A total of 9 entries recorded.

m. 5d, Pleas of venison in Cannock. A total of 9 entries recorded.

m. 6, Pleas of venison in Cannock. A total of 13 entries recorded.

m. 6d, Pleas of venison in Cannock. A total of 7 entries recorded.

m. 7, Regard of Cannock forest. Names of 11 regards. There is a list of 33 new assarts.



m. 7d, Regard of Cannock forest. There is a list of 32 new assarts.

m. 8, Regard of Cannock forest. There is a list of 17 new assarts and 29 old assarts.

m. 8d, Regard of Cannock forest. There is a list of 4 old assarts and 14 new purprestures. There is a note that, because the regards presented no information about the old assarts made prior to the last eyre, they are all in the king's mercy.

mm. 9-9d, Wastes of the king's woods made since the last eyre with the consent of the foresters. A total of 21 entries recorded, some of which list a number of offenders.

m. 10, Details of the waste in the king's wood of 'Hopwas'. There is a list of 34 individuals guilty of taking wood therefrom and information as to charcoal-burners who have caused damage; There are 17 further wastes.

m. 10d, List of foresters guilty both of breaking the forest law themselves and allowing others to break it, with the names of those who have agreed to stand surety for them. The names of 9 foresters are recorded.

m. 11, Amercements for defaults. A total of 48 amercements recorded, amounting to £15 1s 4d; Agistment in Cannock forest for the years 47-55 Henry III (1262-3 to 1270-1). Payments for escaping animals in the Staffordshire hays for the years 47-55 Henry III (1262-3 to 1270-1); Payment for the same in the hay of Bentley for the years 47-8 (1262-3 to 1263-4) and 52-5 Henry III (1267-8 to 1270-1); Payments for the sale of windfallen wood in Cannock for the years 52-3 Henry III (1267-8 to 1268-9).

m. 11d, Agistment in Kinver forest for the years 47-55 Henry III (1262-3 to 1270-1); Payments for escaping animals in Kinver forest for the years 46-54 (1261-2 to 1269-70); Payments for the sale of windfallen in Kinver forest for the years 48, 50 and 52 Henry III (1263-4, 1265-6 and 1267-8).

mm. 12-12d, List of those indicted for forest offences. The names of 155 individuals are listed, and the roll provides information as to the fates of 139 of them: a decision regarding 23 of the accused was postponed, to be dealt with either in another county or, where the offender was of sufficient status, by the king; 7 men were pardoned on the grounds of poverty; 5 had sought

sanctuary; 1 was in Ireland, 1 in prison in Warwickshire and 2 were dead. Of the remaining 100, 70 fined for their release from prison and were placed in the king's mercy, while 30 failed to appear and were outlawed. 84 of the named individuals committed their offences in Cannock forest.

## PLEA ROLL

### E 32/185

This roll contains exactly the same information as E 32/184. It is, however, in better condition, and I would advise anyone wishing to study the forest records for Staffordshire to use this copy.

## COPY ROLL

### E 32/186

This roll consists of 2 membranes, blank on the dorse, stitched together end to end.

m. 1, Enrolment of a single charter [drawn from m. 1d of E 32/184]; Pleas of venison in Kinver forest. A total of 5 entries recorded [drawn from m. 2 of E 32/184]; Regard of Kinver forest. Names of 12 regards. There is a list of 20 assarts [drawn from mm. 3d-4 of E 32/184], 8 purprestures [drawn from mm. 3d-4 of E 32/184] and 2 wastes [as m. 3d of E 32/184]; Pleas of venison in Cannock forest. A total of 5 entries recorded, 2 of which relate to the failure of townships to attend inquisitions with full powers [drawn from mm. 5-5d of E 32/184]; Regard of Cannock forest. Names of 11 regards. A single new assart is recorded [drawn from m. 7 of E 32/184].

m. 2, Regard of Cannock forest. There is a list of 20 new assarts [drawn from m. 7 of E 32/184] and 5 old assarts [drawn from m. 8 of E 32/184]. This is followed by a summary of further old assarts [also drawn from m. 8 of E 32/184]; There are also details of 14 'old' purprestures [appear as new purprestures on m. 8d of E 32/184], 4 wastes [drawn from m. 9 of E 32/184] and 37 new assarts [drawn from mm. 7-7d of E 32/184].

## ACCOUNT

E 372/124 [1280], Rot. 1 m. 2d; E 372/125 [1281], Rot. 18 m. 2d; E 372/128 [1284], Rot. 5 m. 2 and Rot. 6 m. 2d; E 372/130 [1285], Rot. 22 mm. 1d-2d; E 372/141 [1296], Rot. 20 m. 2d; E 372/146 [1301], Rot. 11 m. 2d.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £102 13s 8d.

### **Shropshire eyre**

#### **Shrewsbury, 2 November 1271**

Roger de Clifford, Matthew de Columbers and Nicholas de Romsey. The pipe roll names Roger de Clifford junior.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

There is a reference to the issues of the eyre 29 October 1271 (*CLR*, 1267-72, no. 1727). See also *ibid.*, no. 1819. The eyre was probably concluded by 5 December 1271 (*ibid.*, no. 1774).

#### **PLEA ROLL**

##### **E 32/147**

[A brief summary of the information contained on this roll appears in *V.C.H. Shropshire*, i, p. 489, where it is wrongly ascribed to 1272].

m. 1, Enrolment of charters, 6 in total.

m. 1d, Blank.

m. 2, Appearances. The names of 2 individuals are given; Essoins. A total of 25 entries; Pleas of vert in Morf forest. A total of 67 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £5 13s.

m. 2d, Pleas of the vert in Morf forest. A total of 187 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £9 2s 8d.

m. 3, Pleas of the vert in Morf forest. A total of 80 entries recorded, with payments amounting to approximately £6 14s 8d.

m. 3d, Amercements for defaults. A total of 110 complete amerancements recorded, amounting to £66 15s 4d.

m. 4, Pleas of venison. A total of 13 entries recorded.

m. 4d, Pleas of venison. A total of 11 entries recorded.

m. 5, Pleas of venison. A total of 18 entries recorded.

m. 5d, Amercements levied against those found in the forest with dogs, bows and arrows or other equipment forbidden by the Assize of the Forest, or indeed simply found in the forest without warrant. There are 13 such entries recorded, with payments amounting to £9 6s 8d.

m. 6, Regard of Wombridge, Mount Gilbert and Haughmond forests. Names of 12 regards. There is a list of 19 assarts, 1 purpresture and 7 wastes. 2 further wastes have been erased.

m. 6d, Regard of Morf and Shirlet forests. Names of 12 regards. There is a list of 23 assarts, 2 purprestures, 12 wastes and 1 unfinished entry.

m. 7, Regard of Long Forest. Names of 12 regards. There is a list of 11 new assarts, 13 old assarts, 2 wastes and 1 unfinished entry.

m. 7d, Regard of Long Forest. There is a list of 6 wastes; Agistment of Morf and Mount Gilbert forests. There are entries for the years 47-51 Henry III (1262-3 to 1266-7); Agistment of Shirlet, Bushmoor and Lythwood forests. There are entries for the years 47-51 Henry III (1262-3 to 1266-7). Agistment of the whole county by Philip de Benthall for the years 52-5 Henry III (1267-8 to 1270-1); Agistment of Morf and Mount Gilbert forests for 55-6 Henry III (1270-1 to 1271-2); Agistment for Shirlet forest for 55-6 Henry III (1270-1 to 1271-2); Agistment for Lythwood, Bushmoor and Hawkhurst forests for 55-6 Henry III (1270-1 to 1271-2); Payments for the escape of livestock in the king's hays since the last eyre.

#### COPY ROLL

E 32/146

This roll ~~is~~ consists of 2 membranes stitched together end to end. There is nothing written on the dorse.

The roll contains extracts from E 32/147.

m. 1, Enrolment of 2 charters; A single plea of venison. Extracts from the list of amerancements for defaults; Paraphrases of 22 pleas of venison.

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m. 2, This membrane is very difficult to read. Further paraphrases of pleas of venison; Extracts from the regard of Wombridge and Mount Gilbert forests; Extracts from the regard of Morf and Shirlet forests; Extracts from the regard of Long Forest.

#### **ACCOUNT**

E 372/120 [1276], Rot. 10 m. 2; E 372/124 [1280], Rot. 1 m. 2; E 372/125 [1281], Rot. 18 m. 2; E 372/126 [1282], Rot. 7 m. 2; E 372/128 [1284], Rot. 6 m. 2; E 372/130 [1285], Rot. 22 m. 1d; E 372/141 [1296], Rot. 10 m. 2.

There is clearly a considerable delay before any of the revenue derived from the eyre was audited by the Exchequer [cf. Staffordshire and the eyres in Shropshire and Staffordshire 1262].

Total assessed revenue amounts to £120 8s 7½d.

#### **Herefordshire eyre**

##### **Hereford, 1 December 1271**

Roger de Clifford junior, Matthew de Columbers and Nicholas de Romsey.  
The pipe roll names Roger de Clifford.

#### **SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS**

A letter of 16 September 1271 records the appointment of the justices in eyre for pleas of the forest in Herefordshire, with the eyre to commence 3 weeks from Easter. This would appear to indicate a date after Easter 1272, but the other evidence is clearly contradictory (*CR*, 1268-72, 403 and see above p. 274). Probably the eyre was to commence on 26 April 1271 and was then postponed like the eyre in Staffordshire.

#### **PLEA ROLL**

E 32/35

m. 1, Pleas of vert in Hereford hay. A total of 109 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £28 10s 8d; Amercements for defaults. A total of 12 amerancements recorded, amounting to £4 13s 4d.

m. 1d, Details of offences in the forest either committed by royal officials or with their knowledge; Pleas of venison in Hereford hay. A total of 7 entries recorded.

m. 2, Pleas of venison in Hereford hay. A total of 11 entries recorded, some of which simply note that animals have been taken from the forest 'with warrant'.

m. 2d, Agistment in Hereford hay. There are entries for the years 46-56 Henry III (1261-2 to 1271-2). There are 10 entries concerning pigs in the forest.

m. 3, Regard of Hereford hay. Names of 11 regards. There is a list of 1 assart and 2 wastes. An inquiry into the right of Robert Walerand to assart land in the wood of 'Coytemore'.

m. 3d, Blank.

m. 4, Enrolment of charters, 3 in total; Inquisition in 'Coytemore'.

m. 4d, Payments for herbage in Hereford hay and 'Coytemore'. There are entries for the years 35-40 Henry III (1250-1 to 1255-6).

## PLEA ROLL FRAGMENT

E 32/36

This 'roll' consists of a single membrane, the dorse of which is blank.

m. 1, Reproduces the regard contained on m. 3 of the original, but names only 1 regarider; 4 amerancements for defaults; There are then 2 entries inquiring into the rights of the citizens of Hereford which have not been drawn from the original roll.

## ACCOUNT

E 372/116 [1272], Rot. 23 m. 1; E 372/118 [1274], Rot. 8 m. 2; E 372/119 [1275], Rot. 11 m. 2; E 372/120 [1276], Rot. 5 m. 2; E 372/137 [1292], Rot. 16 m. 2d.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £21 3s.

## **Oxfordshire eyre**

**22 May 1272**

Roger de Clifford, Matthew de Columbers, Nicholas de Romsey and Reginald de Oakley. The pipe roll names Roger de Clifford junior.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

There is a reference to the issues of the eyre 27 May 1272 (*CLR*, 1267-72, no. 1962). See also *ibid.*, no. 2019. The eyre was concluded by 8 July 1272 (*ibid.*, no. 2009). Finally a letter of 19 September 1272 records arrangements for the payment of £50 to Roger de Clifford out of the proceeds of the eyre (*ibid.*, no. 2056).

### **PLEA ROLL**

**E 32/137**

[This eyre is noted in *V.C.H. Oxfordshire*, ii, p. 293].

mm. 1-1d, Enrolment of charters, 12 in total.

m. 2, Appearances. The names of 13 individuals are listed; Essoins. A total of 20 entries; Pleas of the vert in Wychwood. A total of 154 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £14 4d.

m. 2d, Pleas of the vert in Wychwood forest. A total of 150 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £13 10s. There is also an entry referring to a number of men who are considered habitual offenders in the forest.

m. 3, Pleas of venison in Wychwood forest. A total of 9 entries recorded.

m. 3d, Pleas of venison in Wychwood forest. A total of 9 entries recorded.

m. 4, Pleas of venison in Wychwood forest. A total of 10 entries recorded.

m. 4d, Blank.

mm. 5-6d, Regard of Wychwood forest. Names of 12 regarders. The regard begins with details of the assarting of land by a number of individuals in the village of Stonesfield. There is then a list of 36 new assarts, 33 old assarts and 16 wastes. There is a further entry noting wide scale assarting. Details of offences committed in the woods of Stephen, prior of Deerhurst. Agistment in

Wychwood forest. There are entries for the years 47-55 Henry III (1262-3 to 1270-1). There is also a note that the agisters were denied access to certain areas by the forester, Thomas de Langley.

m. 7, Pleas of the vert in Shotover and Stowood forests. A total of 10 entries recorded, the last of which is struck through, with payments amounting to 16s; There are 6 entries relating to pigs in the forest; Pleas of venison in Shotover forest. A total of 2 entries recorded from 48 Henry III (1263-4); Pleas of venison in Shotover forest in the time of Philip Mimechan. A total of 9 entries recorded.

m. 7d, Pleas of venison in Shotover forest in the time of Philip Mimechan. A total of 5 entries recorded; Pleas of the vert in Shotover and Stowood forests in the time of Philip Mimechan. A total of 22 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £1 17s 8d.

m. 8, Regard of Shotover and Stowood forests. Names of 11 regarders. There is a list of 20 assarts, 1 purpresture and 14 wastes.

m. 8d, Blank.

m. 9, Amercements for defaults. A total of 52 amerancements recorded, amounting to £63 7s.

m. 9d, Blank.

m. 10, Pleas of the vert in Bernwood forest. A total of 29 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £1 12s. There are 3 fuller entries detailing trespasses in the forest, and the cutting down of oak trees; Pleas of venison in Bernwood forest. A total of 2 entries recorded.

m. 10d, Pleas of venison in Bernwood forest. A total of 5 entries recorded.

## ACCOUNT

E 372/116 [1272], Rot. 4 m. 2d and Rot. 15 m. 2d; E 372/117 [1273], Rot. 14 m. 1; E 372/118 [1274], Rot. 17 m. 1d; E 372/137 [1292], Rot. 19 m. 2d and Rot. 20 m. 1; E 372/138 [1293], Rot. 3 m. 1d.

An entry recorded on E 372/116 [1272] appears in the account for Essex, while all of the entries recorded on E 372/118 [1274] appear in the account for Hampshire.



Total assessed revenue amounts to £229 16s 11½d.

### **Northamptonshire eyre**

**30 September 1272**

Roger de Clifford, Matthew de Columbers, Nicholas de Romsey and Reginald de Oakley. The pipe roll names Roger de Clifford.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

A letter of 20 September 1272 records arrangements for a payment to be made to Roger de Clifford out of the proceeds of the eyre (*CLR*, 1267-72, no. 2057).

In a letter written some time between 1269 and 1282, Roger de Clifford requests that money owed to him should be paid out of the proceeds of the Northamptonshire eyre (SC 1/8, no. 62). The letter may well refer to the 1272 eyre and have given rise to the order of 20 September. Another letter written before 1282 deals with amercements levied on the prior and brethren of Brackley (SC 1/10, no. 47).

### **PLEA ROLL**

**E 32/72**

[Some of the entries recorded on m. 6d and all those on m. 7d are printed in Turner, *Select Pleas*, pp. 38-41 and the eyre is noted in *V.C.H. Northamptonshire*, ii, p. 343].

m. 1, Appearances. The names of 70 individuals are listed; Essoins. A total of 11 entries.

m. 1d, Enrolment of charters, 11 in total.

m. 2, Pleas of the vert in Cliffe forest. A total of 9 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £1 8d; Sale of wood in Cliffe forest; Regard of Cliffe and Rockingham forests. Names of 11 regarders. There is a list of 9 assarts; Agistment in Whittlewood forest. There are entries for the years 46-54 Henry III (1261-2 to 1269-70). There is some more detailed information regarding

pigs in the forest but the membrane is badly damaged at this point; Payments for herbage in Whittlewood. There are entries for the years 46-54 Henry III (1261-2 to 1269-70).

m. 2d, Regard of Cliffe and Rockingham forests. There is a list of 36 assarts and 21 wastes.

m. 3, Regard of Cliffe and Rockingham forests. A list of 12 wastes in the king's demesne woods. The scribe provides a total of £58 8s 12d for the whole regard; The names of 10 individuals possessing dogs in the forest; Agistment in Cliffe forest. There are entries for the years 48-56 Henry III (1263-4 to 1271-2); List of 14 assarts in the wood of Thorney.

m. 3d, Pleas of venison in Cliffe forest. This heading is in fact followed by a list of miscellaneous entries: 11 pleas of venison, 2 entries relating to pigs in the forest, 1 detailing the illegal sale of wood in the forest, 4 relating to the failure of mainpernors to bring an individual before the justices as pledged and 1 simply noting the legal capture of deer in the forest.

m. 4, Pleas of venison in Cliffe forest. There are 19 entries under this heading, 7 of which are pleas of venison while 11 concern amercements levied on mainpernors; Pleas of venison in Rockingham forest. A total of 4 entries recorded.

m. 4d, Pleas of venison in Rockingham forest. A total of 10 entries recorded.

m. 5, Pleas of venison in Rockingham forest. A total of 7 entries recorded.

m. 5d, Pleas of venison in Rockingham forest. A total of 4 entries recorded.

m. 6, Pleas of venison in Rockingham forest. Again this heading is followed by a list of miscellaneous entries: 5 pleas of venison, 3 entries relating to the failure of mainpernors to bring an individual before the justices as pledged and 8 pleas of the vert.

m. 6d, Pleas of venison in Rockingham forest.

m. 7, Pleas of venison in Rockingham forest. A total of 3 entries recorded.

The scribe gives a total of £129 8d; Pleas of venison in Salcey forest. A total of 6 entries recorded, 1 of which deals with the theft of honey from the forest.

m. 7d, Pleas of venison in the park and warren of Northampton. A total of 4 entries recorded.

mm. 8-8d, Regard of Whittlewood and Salcey forests. Names of 14 regards. There is a list of 12 old assarts, 3 new assarts, 2 new purprestures and 23 wastes. Agistment of Salcey forest. There are entries for the years 47-55 Henry III (1262-3 to 1270-1). There are also 19 entries relating to pigs in the forest.

m. 9, Pleas of venison in Whittlewood forest. A total of 6 pleas recorded; Sale of wood in Whittlewood forest; Names of 10 individuals possessing dogs in the forest.

m. 9d, Pleas of the vert in the demesne of Salcey forest. A total of 95 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £4 17s. There are also 5 fuller entries relating to offences against the vert committed by royal officials.

m. 10, Amercements for defaults. A total of 119 amercements recorded, amounting to £89 2s 4d.

m. 10d, Agistment in Rockingham and Stanion forests. There are entries for the years 46-56 Henry III (1261-2 to 1271-2).

## ACCOUNT

E 372/117 [1273], Rot. 1 m. 2d and Rot. 13 m. 2d; E 372/118 [1274], Rot. 9 m. 2; E 372/121 [1277], Rot. 7 m. 2d; E 372/128 [1284], Rot. 14 m. 2d; E 372/137 [1292], Rot. 6 m. 2d; E 372/138 [1293], Rot. 16 m. 2d and Rot. 21 m. 2d; E 372/139 [1294], Rot. 13 m. 2d.

An entry recorded on E 372/117 [1273] appears in the account for Buckinghamshire, the single entry recorded on E 372/121 [1277] appears in the account for Essex and, finally, an entry recorded on E 372/138 [1293] appears in the account for Norfolk.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £303 11s 2d.

The 1277 Essex eyre is not part of a more general visitation.

## Essex eyre

**Chelmsford, 5 April 1277**

Roger de Clifford, Matthew de Columbers, Geoffrey de Picheford and Nicholas de Romsey. The pipe roll names Roger de Clifford junior.

#### SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS

A letter of 4 February 1277 records the appointment of the justices in eyre for pleas of the forest in Essex (*CPR*, 1272-81, 193).

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

13 named individuals, Dionisia de Montchensy, Reginald de Grey, the abbot of Westminster, John de Warenne, earl of Surrey, Hugh fitz Otto, William de Valence, the abbot of St, Edmund's, Humphrey de Bohun, earl of Hereford, R. bishop of Norwich, Walter de Graundcourt, the abbess of Caen, Master Oliver de Sutton, dean of Lincoln and Robert de Mortimer of Richard's castle, are exempt from the common summons (*CCR*, 1272-9, 413-14). There are two letters dating from April 1277 ordering Roger de Clifford and his associates not to 'aggrieve' certain men who had taken game in the forest on the king's orders (*CCR*, 1272-9, 377). There are also details of 2 pardons related to the 1277 visitation (*CPR*, 1272-81, 232, 251).

#### PLEA ROLL

E 32/12

[This eyre is noted in *V.C.H. Essex*, ii, p. 617].

m. 1, Appearances. The names of 4 individuals are listed; Essoins. A total of only 3 entries; Pleas of the vert in the half hundreds of Lexden, Winstree and Thurstable. A total of 30 entries recorded, with payments amounting to approximately £7 14s 8d; Pleas of the vert in Chelmsford. A total of 19 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £3 12s. It is noted that none of the Chelmsford offenders have allowed themselves to be attached, on the advice of the bailiffs of the town. The latter claim the right to represent them before the justices.

m. 1d, Pleas of the vert in Lexden hundred. A total of 21 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £3 3s 4d; Pleas of the vert in Witham hundred. A

total of 9 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £1 2s; There are 3 further entries detailing offences in the park of Havering and the wood of Hainault, payments for which amount to £2 18s 8d; Pleas of the vert in Chelmsford and Dengie. A total of 27 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £1 18s; There are 2 further entries at the bottom of the membrane, with fines and amercements amounting to £15 6s 8d. Unfortunately the membrane is badly damaged at this point so the details are difficult to make out, but it seems that the first entry deals with a procedural failure and the second with the pasturing of animals.

m. 2, Pleas of the vert in Barstable and Chafford hundreds. A total of 43 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £4 18s 8d; Pleas of the vert in Becontree hundred. A total of 6 entries recorded, with payments amounting to 5s; Pleas of the vert in Ongar. A total of 6 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £1 2s; Pleas of the vert in Waltham. There are approximately 3 entries listed under this heading, with payments amounting to £3 [the membrane is badly damaged at this point]; Pleas of the vert in Ongar. A total of 33 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £2 14s 4d; Payments relating to woods taken into the king's hands. A total of 27 entries recorded.

m. 2d, Further payments relating to woods taken into the king's hands. A total of 18 entries recorded. Such payments amount to £4 7s 8d overall;

Amercements for the possession of dogs in the forest. There are 18 entries drawn from the regard in Ongar, with amercements amounting to £6 4s.

There are also 22 entries from the Colchester regard, with amercements amounting to £14 4s, and 18 entries from the Chelmsford regard, with amercements amounting to £4 13s 4d. [The entries for Chelmsford are incomplete as a portion of the membrane is missing].

m. 3, Pleas of venison in the hundreds of Lexden, Winstree and Thurstable. The 3 verderers responsible for presenting the pleas have all been amerced for their 'many defaults'. A total of 8 entries recorded.

m. 3d, Pleas of venison in the hundreds of Lexden, Winstree and Thurstable. A total of 5 entries recorded. There are also 7 entries relating to the failure of villages to attend inquisitions, with amercements amounting to £2.

m. 4, Pleas of venison in the hundreds of Lexden, Winstree and Thurstable. A total of 4 entries recorded; Details of parks and warrens illegally enclosed. A total of 11 entries recorded.

m. 4d, Pleas of venison in Kingswood. A total of 9 entries recorded; Pleas of venison in Dunmow. A total of 2 entries recorded.

m. 5, Pleas of venison in Witham hundred. The 2 verderers responsible for presenting the pleas have been amerced for their 'many defaults'. A total of 8 entries recorded; Pleas of venison in Chelmsford and Dengie hundreds. A total of 2 entries recorded.

m. 5d, Pleas of venison in Chelmsford and Dengie hundreds. The 4 verderers responsible for presenting the pleas have been amerced for various trespasses. A total of 10 entries recorded.

m. 6, Pleas of venison in Chelmsford and Dengie hundreds. A total of 9 entries recorded.

m. 6d, Pleas of venison in Chelmsford and Dengie hundreds. A total of 2 entries recorded. There is a related schedule attached to the right hand edge of the membrane; Pleas of venison in Chafford and Barstable hundreds. The 4 verderers responsible for presenting the pleas have been amerced for various trespasses. A total of 4 entries recorded.

m. 7, Pleas of venison in Becontree hundred. The 2 verderers responsible for presenting the pleas have been amerced for concealing information. A total of 4 entries recorded.

m. 7d, Pleas of venison in Harlow hundred. The 2 verderers responsible for presenting the pleas have been amerced for concealing information. A total of 12 entries recorded.

m. 8, Regard of Colchester. Names of 12 regards. There is a list of 29 old assarts, 1 new assart and 36 old assarts and purprestures.

m. 8d, Regard of Colchester. There is a list of 1 old assart, 59 old purprestures and 7 new purprestures.

m. 9, Regard of Colchester. There is a list of 10 new and 14 old wastes. Agistment for Kingswood. Entries for the years 52-4 Henry III (1267-8 to

1269-70) are partially visible, together with the start of an entry which is likely to be for 55 Henry III (1270-1).

m. 9d, Regard of Chelmsford. Names of 12 regarders, all of whom have been convicted of concealing information and forced to fine for their release from prison. There is a list of 65 old purprestures.

m. 10, Regard of Chelmsford. There is a list of 12 old purprestures, 22 new purprestures and 18 new assarts.

m. 10d, Regard of Chelmsford. There is a list of 54 old purprestures, 11 new purprestures and 1 old assart.

m. 11, Regard of Chelmsford. There is a list of 41 old purprestures, 8 new purprestures, 6 new assarts and 4 wastes.

m. 11d, Regard of Ongar. Names of 12 regarders, all of whom have been amerced for concealing information. There is a list of 68 old purprestures.

m. 12, Pleas of venison in Harlow hundred. A total of 3 entries recorded. It is noted that an individuals charged with an offence against the venison was falsely indicted; Pleas of venison in Ongar hundred. A total of 4 entries recorded.

m. 12d, Pleas of venison in Ongar hundred. A total of 3 entries recorded; Pleas of venison in Waltham hundred. The forester and 2 verderers responsible for presenting the pleas have been amerced for various trespasses. A total of 3 entries recorded.

m. 13, Regard of Ongar. There is a list of 78 old assarts and purprestures.

m. 13d, Regard of Ongar. There is a list of 60 old assarts and purprestures.

m. 14, Regard of Ongar. There is a list of 50 old assarts and purprestures, and 10 new assarts.

m. 14d, Regard of Ongar. There is a list of 15 new assarts, 12 new purprestures, 2 new wastes and 1 old waste. There is also an entry relating to the confiscation of a wood as a result of the failure to present a woodward.

m. 15, List of attorneys and distraint orders. A total of 48 entries recorded.

mm. 15d-19d, Enrolment of charters, 68 in total. There is also a single entry naming an attorney [m. 18].

m. 20, Amercements for defaults in Essex, arranged on a hundred basis. A total of 97 amerancements recorded, amounting to approximately £19 11s. A further entry has been struck through.

m. 20d, Amercements for defaults in Essex. A total of 41 amerancements recorded, amounting to approximately £89 15s.

m. 21, Metes and bounds of 8 bailiwicks, the terms and conditions on which they are held and the rights of the foresters therein.

m. 22, Pleas of venison in Kingswood. There are 2 entries recorded on this membrane. The first of these is a straightforward plea of venison, while the second deals with the abduction of 2 forest officials.

m. 22d, Blank.

## ACCOUNT

E 372/122 [1278], Rot. 15 m. 2; E 372/123 [1279], Rot. 16 m. 2d; E 372/124 [1280], Rot. 17 m. 2d; E 372/125 [1281], Rot. 20 m. 1d; E 372/127 [1283], Rot. 3 mm. 2-1d and Rot. 5 m. 2; E 372/128 [1284], Rot. 9 m. 1 and Rot. 10 m. 1d; E 372/131 [1286], Rot. 19 m. 2; E 372/138 [1293], Rot. 23 m. 2; E 372/139 [1294], Rot. 10 m. 2d, Rot. 25 mm. 1d-2d, Rot. 29 m. 2 and Rot. 33 m. 1d.

An entry recorded on E 372/127 [1283] appears in the account for Surrey, while entries on E 372/139 [1294] appear in the accounts for London, Kent and Norfolk as well as Essex.

Total assessed revenue for this county amounts to £447 3s 3¼d.

## The 1280 Visitation

This visitation was presided over by Roger de Clifford, William de Hamilton, John de Luvetot, Nicholas de Stapleton and John fitz Nigel.

A letter of 3 June 1280 records the appointment of Roger de Clifford, Matthew de Columbers, Adam Gurdon and William de Hamilton as justices in eyre for pleas of the forest in Wiltshire (*CPR, 1272-81, 375*), but there is no evidence that this eyre ever took place.



*V.C.H. Yorkshire* suggests that an eyre may have been held in 1280 (i, 513). This seems to be on the basis of a letter of 10 June 1280 appointing Alexander de Kirkton and Ranulph de Dacre 'to inquire by means of a Yorkshire jury into all offences committed in Lord Edmund's forest' (Turton, ii, 46). There is, however, nothing to suggest that this 'inquiry', if it took place, even constituted an eyre.

### **Hampshire eyre**

**Winchester, 14 January 1280**

Roger de Clifford, John de Luvetot, Geoffrey de Picheford and William de Hamilton. The pipe roll names Roger de Clifford

### **SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS**

Letters of 28 November 1279 and 6 January 1280 record the appointment of the justices in eyre for pleas of the forest in Hampshire (*CPR*, 1272-81, 352, 359).

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Notification, dated 2 May 1278, that a regard is to be made in the New Forest before the coming of the justices in eyre for pleas of the forest (*CCR*, 1272-9, 494). There are also details of a number of pardons related to the 1280 visitation (*CPR*, 1272-81, 362, 367, 370, 376, 391). The justices were in session until 31 March 1280 (*Ann. Mon.*, ii, 393).

### **PLEA ROLL**

**E 32/161**

[Mm. 1-2, 3-7 and 21-23d are calendared in Stagg, pp. 92-135. There are some discrepancies probably attributable to changes in the membrane numbering.

m. 1, Appearances. The names of 28 individuals are listed; Essoins. A total of 21 entries; Pleas of the vert in the New Forest. There are 2 entries listed

under this heading, naming multiple offenders. Payments amount to £40 2s 4d; There are then 3 miscellaneous entries, the first of which relates to the illegal pasturing of animals in the New Forest. Payments amount to £46 10s 8d; Enrolment of charters, 3 in total; Names of newly elected verderers [the second and third charters and the names of the verderers are recorded on an additional piece of parchment stitched to the end of m. 1. It is in very poor condition and consequently it is not possible to specify the number of verderers named].

m. 1d, Miscellaneous entries. There is a single entry detailing the illegal creation of a stew; Metes and bounds of the New Forest at the time it was first afforested; Claim of the bishop of Winchester and the prior of St. Swithin's that all their lands should be disafforested; Enrolment of charters, approximately 5 in total [the fourth and fifth charters are recorded on an additional piece of parchment stitched to the end of m. 1].

m. 2, List of attorneys and distraint orders. A total of 36 entries recorded. The last 6 of these appear under the sub-heading 'New Forest'.

m. 2d, Enrolment of charters, 2 in total; There is then a single entry which details the attempt to distraint the goods of an offender against the venison.

m. 3, Pleas of venison in the New Forest. A total of 4 entries recorded.

m. 3d, Pleas of venison in the New Forest. A total of 2 entries recorded, together with a note of false presentation.

m. 4, Pleas of venison in the New Forest. A total of 10 entries recorded, together with a note of the failure of an official to produce his rolls.

m. 4d, Pleas of venison in the New Forest. A total of 9 entries recorded.

m. 5, Pleas of venison in the New Forest during the custodianship of John fitz Thomas. A total of 9 pleas recorded.

m. 5d, Pleas of venison in the New Forest during the custodianship of John fitz Thomas. A total of 11 pleas recorded; A single plea of the vert; Details of deer legitimately taken from the forest. A total of 5 entries recorded.

m. 6, Regard of the New Forest. Names of 9 regards, all of whom have been amerced for failure to present their rolls to the justices on the first day of proceedings. There is a list of 23 old assarts and 31 old purprestures.

m. 6d, Regard of the New Forest. There is a list of 1 new assart, 5 new purprestures, 11 new wastes, 3 old wastes and 1 new purpresture.

m. 7, Regard of the New Forest. Agistment for the New Forest for the years 53-6 Henry III (1268-9 to 1271-2) and 1-7 Edward I (1272-3 to 1278-9); Amercements for defaults in the New Forest, arranged on a hundred basis. A total of 63 amerancements recorded, amounting to £38 3s; Notification of 2 exemptions to the lawing of dogs.

m. 7d, Enrolment of charters, 4 in total.

m. 8, Pleas of the vert in Porchester forest. A total of 15 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £1 15s 4d; Metes and bounds of Porchester forest; There is a single entry relating to the failure of a verderer to present his rolls; Pleas of venison in Porchester forest. A total of 5 entries recorded; There are then 9 entries relating to the possession of dogs in the forest of Porchester.

m. 8d, Pleas of venison in the forests of Pamber and Eversley. A total of 12 entries recorded, 1 of which deals with the burning of a section of the forest, and as such should perhaps be counted as a plea of the vert.

m. 9, Pleas of the vert in Alice Holt and Wolmer forests. A total of 9 entries recorded.

m. 9d, Pleas of the vert in Alice Holt and Wolmer forests. A total of 5 entries recorded, together with an entry relating to the failure of townships to attend an inquisition with full powers. There are also 3 pleas of the vert. The scribe provides a total for the bailiwick of £17 9s.

m. 10, Pleas of venison in the bailiwick of Matthew de Columbers, namely Finkley and Digerley forests. A total of 8 entries recorded. There is also a single plea of the vert.

m. 10d, Pleas of venison in the bailiwick of Matthew de Columbers, namely Chute forest. A total of 14 entries recorded.

m. 11, Pleas of venison in the bailiwick of Matthew de Columbers, namely Chute forest. A total of 11 entries recorded; Details of deer legitimately taken from the forest in the bailiwick of Matthew de Columbers [257]; Details of oak trees legitimately taken from the forest in Finkley and Digerley forests [43 and

23 respectively]; There are then 9 entries relating to the possession of dogs in the bailiwick of Matthew de Columbers.

m. 11d, Pleas of venison in Buckholt forest. A total of 3 entries recorded; Pleas of venison in Freemantle forest. A single plea is recorded; Pleas of the vert in Buckholt forest. A total of 42 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £2 5s. The final entry on this membrane deals with a claim for wrongful amercement.

m. 12, Pleas of venison in Bere forest. A total of 6 entries recorded; Pleas of venison in Bere forest during the custodianship of John de Farlington. A total of 6 entries recorded; There are then 2 pleas of the vert, presented as a single entry.

m. 12d, Pleas of venison in Bere forest during the custodianship of John de Farlington. A total of 4 entries recorded; Pleas of venison in Bagshot forest. A total of 11 entries recorded; 2 pleas of the vert, naming multiple offenders, are recorded on an additional piece of parchment attached to the end of the membrane.

m. 13, Pleas of the vert in the bailiwick of Matthew de Columbers. A total of 183 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £8 10s 4d; Pleas of the vert in Bagshot forest. A total of 6 pleas recorded, with payments amounting to 7s; Pleas of the vert in Bere Ashley forest. A total of 11 entries recorded, with payments amounting to 11s 4d.

m. 13d, Pleas of the vert in Bere Ashley forest. A total of 14 entries recorded, with payments amounting to 12s 4d; Pleas of the vert in Pamber and Eversley forests. A total of 50 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £2 13s; Details of 2 cases in which offenders have resisted arrest; Enrolment of charters, 3 in total.

m. 14, Regard of Bagshot forest. Names of 12 regards, all of whom have been amerced for false presentation. There is a list of 10 old assarts, 8 new assarts, 2 parks illegally enclosed, 9 old purprestures and 6 new purprestures. Details of an attempt to distrain the goods of an offender.

m. 14d, Regard of Bagshot forest. There is a list of 2 old wastes and 2 new wastes. There are 9 entries relating to the possession of dogs in the forest;

Regard of Finkley and Digerley forests in the bailiwick of Matthew de Columbers. Names of 8 regards. There is a list of 16 old assarts, 24 old wastes and 6 new wastes.

m. 15, Regard of Finkley and Digerley forests. There are then 3 entries relating to activities in the king's demesne woods. The first details the sale of wood, while the other 2 outline offences. Agistment in Finkley and Digerley forests for the years 54-6 Henry III (1269-70 to 1271-2) and 1-7 Edward I (1272-3 to 1278-9). There is also a claim to be quit of pannage.

m. 15d, Regard of Buckholt forest. Names of 12 regards. There is a list of 1 new purpresture and 11 wastes. Details of the creation of a clearing in the forest and the subsequent sale of wood. Agistment of Buckholt forest for the years 54-6 (1269-70 to 1271-2) Henry III and 1-7 Edward I (1272-3 to 1278-9); Regard of Alice Holt and Wolmer forests. Names of 11 regards [the twelfth has died], all of whom have been amerced for false presentation. There is a list of 23 old assarts and 6 old purprestures [written as a single entry].

m. 16, Regard of Alice Holt and Wolmer forests. There is a list of 4 old purprestures, 3 new assarts and 2 old wastes. Agistment of Alice Holt and Wolmer forests for the years 54-6 Henry III (1269-70 to 1271-2) and 1-8 Edward I (1272-3 to 1279-80); Regard of Bere Ashley forest. Names of 12 regards, all of whom have been amerced for defaults. There is a list of 3 old purprestures and 1 new purpresture; Charter of the abbot of Hyde.

m. 16d, Regard of Bere Ashley forest. There is a list of 6 old wastes and 1 new assart. There are then 2 entries detailing a claim and the sale of wood from a manor in the king's hands.

m. 17, Regard of Pamber and Eversley forests. Names of 12 regards. There is a list of 1 old assart, 3 new assarts, 4 new wastes and 14 old wastes. 1 entry detailing wood taken from the king's demesne land for official purposes. There are then 4 entries detailing claims to hold land without the regard and/or to be quit of the expeditation of dogs. Agistment of Pamber forest for the years 54-6 Henry III (1269-70 to 1271-2) and 1-7 Edward I (1272-3 to 1278-9). Claim for the levying of pannage at a reduced rate.

m. 17d, Regard of Porchester forest. Names of 12 regarders. There is a list of 3 old assarts, 15 old purprestures, 6 new purprestures and 7 old wastes.

There are then 5 entries outlining widespread waste of woods, in many cases by royal officials.

m. 18, Regard of Freemantle forest. Names of 4 regarders, associated with the regarders responsible for the bailiwick of Matthew de Columbers [see above]. They have all been amerced for false presentation. There is a list of 2 new purprestures and 11 old wastes.

m. 18d, Amercements for defaults on the first day of the proceedings. A total of 80 amercements listed, amounting to £12 15s 8d.

mm. 19-19d, Enrolment of charters, 18 in total.

m. 20, Pleas of the Crown in the New Forest. There are 28 miscellaneous entries listed under this heading, for example information as to the New Forest coroners, presentment of Englishry, serjeancies and breaches of forest law where fatalities are involved.

m. 20d, Pleas of the Crown in the New Forest. There are 5 further such entries; Assizes and juries. A total of 4 entries.

m. 21, Names of those outlawed at the court of Roger de Clifford. A total of 3 in Alice Holt and Wolmer forests, 19 in Chute forest, 7 in the forest of Bere without Winchester, 5 in Pamber and Eversley forests, 1 in Porchester forest and 3 in Bagshot forest.

m. 21d, Blank.

mm. 22-23d, Assizes and juries. A total of 33 entries.

## **ACCOUNT**

E 372/123 [1279], Rot. 17 m. 2d; E 372/124 [1280], Rot. 4 m. 1d; E 372/131 [1286], Rot. 8 m. 2; E 372/133 [1288], Rot. 15 m. 2d; E 372/134 [1289], Rot. 20 m. 2d; E 372/137 [1292], Rot. 16 m. 2d and Rot. 22 m. 2d; E 372/138 [1293] Rot. 1 m. 1d; E 372/142 [1297], Rot. 7 m. 2.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £407 11s 8¾d.

## **Worcestershire eyre**

## 10 February 1280

Roger de Clifford, Nicholas de Stapleton and John fitz Nigel. The eyre roll only records the names of Roger de Clifford and Matthew de Columbers as justices appointed to hear pleas of the forest in Feckenham.

### SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS

A letter of 15 November 1279 records the appointment of the justices in eyre for pleas of the forest in Worcestershire (*CPR*, 1272-81, 334).

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Notification, dated 2 May 1278, that a regard is to be made in Feckenham forest before the coming of the justices in eyre for pleas of the forest (*CCR*, 1272-9, 494).

### PLEA ROLL

#### E 32/231

[This eyre is noted in *V.C.H. Worcestershire*, ii, p. 316, with information as to the number of essoins recorded on the roll].

m. 1, Appearances. The names of 8 individuals are listed; Essoins. A total of 37 entries; Enrolment of charters, 2 in total.

m. 1d, List of attorneys and distraint orders. A total of 10 entries.

m. 2, Pleas of venison in Feckenham forest. A total of 8 entries recorded, with an additional entry relating to the failure of townships to attend inquisitions with full powers.

m. 2d, Pleas of venison in Feckenham forest. A total of 11 entries recorded, with an additional entry relating to the misdemeanours of verderers.

m. 3, Pleas of venison in Feckenham forest after it had been granted to the queen. A total of 13 entries recorded [completed on an additional piece of parchment attached to the end of the membrane].

m. 3d, Pleas of venison in Feckenham forest after it had been granted to the queen. A total of 12 entries recorded.

m. 4, Pleas of venison in Feckenham forest after it had been granted to the queen. A total of 9 entries recorded [completed on an additional piece of parchment attached to the end of the membrane].

m. 4d, Pleas of venison in Feckenham forest after it had been granted to the queen. A total of 13 entries recorded, with an additional entry relating to false presentation.

m. 5, Pleas of venison in Feckenham forest after it had been granted to the queen. A total of 10 entries recorded; Names of newly elected verderers, 2 in Feckenham and 1 in Popperode.

m. 5d, Pleas of venison in the bailiwick of Popperode. A total of 2 entries recorded, together with 4 entries relating to the failure of townships to attend inquisitions with full powers and 1 detailing procedural failure by the verderers; Attachments in the parks of the forest of Feckenham. A total of 31 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £2 7s [the scribe provides a total of £2 10s]; Details of habitual offenders against the vert in Feckenham forest. The names of 16 such men are provided, with payments amounting to £2 7s 2d [the scribe provides a total of £2 2s 6d]; Names of 12 charcoal-burners; There are then 3 entries relating to the transgressions of royal officials.

m. 6, Pleas of the vert in Feckenham forest. A total of 132 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £12 16s 2d [the scribe provides a total of £13 10s]; Pleas of the vert in Feckenham forest after it had been granted to the queen. A total of 93 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £4 9s 4d.

m. 6d, Pleas of the vert in Feckenham after it had been granted to the queen. A total of 153 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £10 4s 4d [£10 6s 4d on E 32/232]; Pleas of the vert in Popperode and 'Lykheye'. A total of 23 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £2 8s 4d [the scribe provides a total for this membrane of £16 2s 6d]; A single entry detailing the failure of 11 mainpernors to ensure the attendance at court of the man for whom they have stood surety. Payments amount to 11s.

m. 7, Regard of Feckenham forest, more precisely 'Poppebere'. Names of 11 regards. There is a list of 23 old assarts, 7 new purprestures, 15 old



purprestures, 16 old wastes, and 1 entry which combines several assarts and purprestures in the hands of a single individual.

m. 7d, Regard of Feckenham forest. Names of 13 regarders. There is a list of 53 old assarts and 1 purpresture.

m. 8d, Regard of Feckenham forest. There is a list of 43 old assarts and 19 new assarts.

m. 8d, Regard of Feckenham forest. There is a list of 5 new assarts, 6 new purprestures and 13 new wastes.

m. 9, Regard of Feckenham forest. There is a list of 14 old wastes. Details of windfallen wood sold. Amercements for the possession of dogs in the forest. A total of 11 amerancements recorded, amounting to £27 6s 8d. A single plea of the vert, with payments amounting to 6s 8d. Agistment in Feckenham forest for the years 55-6 Henry III (1270-1 to 1271-2) and 1-7 Edward I (1272-3 to 1278-9). Agistment in the park of 'la Berste' for the years 55-6 Henry III (1270-1 to 1271-2) and 1-7 Edward I (1272-3 to 1278-9). There is also a note that all of the agisters have been amerced for failure to produce their rolls. Names of 5 newly elected agisters.

m. 9d, Amercements for defaults, arranged on a hundred basis. A total of 54 entries, amounting to £19 14s 6d; There are then 4 miscellaneous entries, 1 dealing with the offences of the men of the bishop of Worcester, 1 with a payment for the recovery of a wood, and 2 with claims.

mm. 10-10d, Enrolment of charters, 16 in total.

## PLEA ROLL

E 32/232

Roger de Clifford's roll.

This roll deals with substantially the same subject matter as E 32/231. It is, however, in better condition than the latter, and I would advise anyone wishing to study the forest records for Worcestershire to use this copy. Although the roll does not list the majority of the charters noted above, it would seem that it was the original copy of the proceedings. M. 9d contains a cartoon of the bishop of Worcester, drawn in the left margin. The scribe

responsible for E 32/231 made an effort to copy the drawing, but only got as far as an outline of the bishop's mitre.

m. 1, Appearances. The names of 4 individuals are listed [drawn from those on m. 1 above]; Essoins [as m. 1 above]; Enrolment of charters, 3 in total [drawn from mm. 10-10d above].

m. 1d, List of attorneys and distraint orders. There are 9 entries [drawn from m. 1d above], and 5 which do not appear above; Enrolment of charters, 6 in total [drawn from m. 10 above].

mm. 2-2d, Pleas of venison in Feckenham forest [as mm. 2-2d above]

m. 3, Pleas of venison in Feckenham forest after it had been granted to the queen. A total of 11 entries recorded [drawn from m. 3 above].

m. 3d, Pleas of venison in Feckenham forest after it had been granted to the queen. A total of 12 entries recorded [drawn from mm. 3-3d above]. The scribe provides a total for this rotulet of £61 17s 4d.

m. 4d, Pleas of venison in Feckenham forest after it had been granted to the queen. A total of 13 entries recorded [drawn from mm. 4-4d above]. There is also 1 entry relating to false presentation [see m. 4d above]. The scribe provides a total for this rotulet of £75 2s 6d.

m. 5, Pleas of venison in Feckenham forest after it had been granted to the queen. A total of 12 entries recorded [drawn from mm. 4d-5 above]. Also lists the 4 entries relating to the failure of townships to attend inquisitions with full powers [noted on m. 5d above].

m. 5d, Pleas of venison in Popperode forest. A total of 2 pleas recorded [as m. 5d above]; Attachments in the parks of the forest of Feckenham [as m. 5d above]; Details of habitual offenders against the vert in Feckenham forest [as m. 5d above]; Names of 12 charcoal-burners [as m. 5d above]; There are then 3 entries relating to the transgressions of royal officials [as m. 5d above]; Names of newly elected verderers [as m. 5 above].

mm. 6-6d, Pleas of the vert in Feckenham forest both before and after it was granted to the queen [as mm. 6-6d above, with the addition of 3 pleas of the vert]; Pleas of the vert in Popperode and 'Lykheye' [as m. 6d above]; Entry

relating to payments by mainpernors [as m. 6d above]. The scribe provides a total for this rotulet of £30 3s 8d.

mm. 7-9, Regard of Feckenham forest, namely Popperode [as m. 7 above, with the addition of a single purpresture]; Regard of Feckenham [as mm. 7d - 9 above]. The scribe provides totals for rotulets 7 and 8 of £53 10½d and £31 19s 10½d respectively.

m. 9d. Amercements for defaults [as m. 9d above]; 3 miscellaneous entries [drawn from m. 9d above]; Enrolment of charters, 2 in total [drawn from m. 1 above]. The scribe provides a total of £100 4s 6d for this rotulet, and an overall total of £595 6s 2d.

## COPY ROLL

### E 32/233

The membranes of this roll, which is probably a thirteenth-century copy, are stitched together end to end. The dorse is blank.

m. 1, Pleas of venison in Feckenham forest. A total of 34 entries, 32 of which are pleas of venison [paraphrases of entries recorded on mm. 2-5 of E 32/231].

m. 2, Pleas of venison in Feckenham forest. A total of 3 entries recorded, together with 2 related entries [drawn from mm. 5-5d of E 32/231]. Enrolment of charters, 10 in total [drawn from mm. 10-10d of E 32/231]. The last of these charters is completed on m. 3.

m. 3, Enrolment of charters, 8 in total [drawn from mm. 1 and 10d of E 32/231]; Regard of Feckenham forest, namely 'Poppebere'. Names of 11 regards [m. 7 of E 32/231].

m. 4, Regard of Feckenham forest, namely Popperode [all entries are as m. 7 of E 32/231, with the exception of 5 missing old assarts]; Regard of Feckenham forest. Names of 13 regards and a list of 29 old assarts [as m. 7d of E 32/231].

mm. 5-6, Regard of Feckenham forest [as mm. 7d-9 of E 32/231].

m. 7, Regard of Feckenham forest [as from m. 9 of E 32/231]. There is, however, no note to the effect that the agisters have been amerced;

Amercements for defaults. A total of 2 amercements recorded [drawn from m. 9d of E 32/231]; 4 miscellaneous [drawn from m. 9d of E 32/231].

### **Berkshire eyre**

**1280**

Roger de Clifford the elder, Matthew de Columbers, Adam Gurdon and William de Hamilton. The pipe roll names Roger de Clifford.

### **SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS**

A letter of 23 April 1280 records the appointment of the justices in eyre for pleas of the forest in Berkshire (*CPR*, 1272-81, 368).

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Letters of 20 and 25 April 1280 deal with the appointment of attorneys for the bishop of Salisbury prior to a forest eyre (SC 1 /9, no. 21 and SC 1/8, no. 42).

### **ACCOUNT**

E 372/124 [1280], Rot. 12 m. 2d, Rot. 13 m. 2 and Rot. 15 m. 2d; E 372/139 [1294], Rot. 21 m. 1d; E 372/142 [1297], Rot. 12 m. 2d.

The single entry recorded on E 372/139 [1294] appears in the account for Wiltshire.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £509 11s 8½d.

The 1282 Gloucestershire eyre is not part of a more general visitation.

### **Gloucestershire eyre**

**Gloucester, 20 January 1282**

Luke de Tany, Adam Gurdon, Richard de Creeping and Peter de Lench.

### **SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS**

A letter of 18 January 1282 records the appointment of the justices in eyre for pleas of the forest in Gloucestershire (*CPR*, 1281-92, 9).

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A letter of 21 March 1282 suggests that the eyre was still in progress 2 months after its starting date (SC 1/31, no. 25).

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

4 named individuals, William de Beauchamp, earl of Warwick, Patrick de Chaourches, the abbot of Tintern and Thomas, bishop of Hereford, are exempt from the common summons (*CCR*, 1279-88, 177).

#### PLEA ROLL

E 32/30

[This eyre is noted in *V.C.H. Gloucestershire*, ii, p. 269, with a note as to the number of itinerant forges].

Luke de Tany's roll.

m. 1, Appearances related to offences against the venison. The names of 58 individuals are listed. 3 further appearances, unrelated to the venison, are recorded later on the membrane; Pleas of the vert. A total of 8 entries recorded [only 2 payments, amounting to 12d, are visible]; Essoins. A total of 27 entries.

m. 1d, Amercements for defaults, arranged on a hundred basis. A total of 72 amerancements recorded, amounting to £6 14s 2d; List of those standing surety for offences against the vert. A total of 15 entries recorded, with payments amounting to 13s 8d; Amercements levied on those keeping goats in the forest contrary to the Assize. A total of 4 amerancements recorded, but no payments visible; 3 entries relating to offences against the vert.

m. 2, Pleas of the vert. A total of 62 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £7 11s 6d.

m. 2d, Pleas of the vert. A total of 80 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £4 3s 2d.

m. 3, Pleas of the vert. A total of 78 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £9 5s 6d.

m. 3d, Pleas of the vert. A total of 37 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £11 6s

m. 4, Pleas of the vert. A total of 8 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £4 17s. [The pleas recorded on these 3 rotulets vary enormously in length and complexity. Some simply note the name of an offender and record the amercement, while others list multiple offenders and place a value on the wood or undergrowth they have destroyed].

m. 4d, Blank.

m. 5, Pleas of venison in the Forest of Dean, in the time of the earl of Warwick. A total of 7 entries recorded.

m. 5d, Pleas of venison in the Forest of Dean, in the time of the earl of Warwick, when Philip Wyther was constable of St. Briavels. A total of 7 entries recorded.

m. 6, Pleas of venison in the Forest of Dean, in the time of the earl of Warwick, when Philip Wyther was constable of St. Briavels. A total of 9 entries recorded, the last 3 of which are written on an additional piece of parchment attached to the bottom of m. 6. There is also an additional entry listing mainpernors.

m. 6d, Pleas of venison in the Forest of Dean, in the time of the earl of Warwick. A total of 8 pleas recorded, the last 2 of which are written on an additional piece of parchment.

m. 7, Pleas of venison in the Forest of Dean, in the time of Walter Snape. A total of 6 entries recorded.

m. 7d, Pleas of venison in the Forest of Dean, in the time of Walter Snape. A total of 8 entries recorded.

m. 8, Pleas of venison in the Forest of Dean, in the time of Walter Snape. A total of 7 entries recorded. There is an additional piece of parchment, outlining the claims of the citizens of Bristol, stitched to the left hand edge of this membrane.

m. 8d, Pleas of venison in the Forest of Dean, in the time of Walter Snape. A total of 9 entries recorded.

m. 9, Pleas of venison in the Forest of Dean, in the time of Walter Snape. A total of 6 entries recorded.

m. 9d, Pleas of venison in the Forest of Dean, in the time of Walter Snape. A total of 5 entries recorded.

m. 10, Pleas of venison in the Forest of Dean, in the time of Walter Snape. A total of 9 entries recorded.

m. 10d, Pleas of venison in the Forest of Dean, in the time of Walter Snape. A total of 3 entries recorded.

m. 11, Pleas of venison in the Forest of Dean. A total of 10 entries recorded.

m. 11d, Pleas of venison in the Forest of Dean. A total of 6 entries recorded, 1 of which details a number of offences involving the same personnel.

m. 12, Pleas of venison in the Forest of Dean. A total of 10 entries recorded.

m. 12d, Pleas of venison in the Forest of Dean. A total of 10 entries recorded.

m. 13, Gifts of venison made by the king since 4 Edward I (1275-6). A total of 31 entries recorded, a number of which note deer taken over and above the permitted amount. There is also information as to the tithe of venison owed to the abbot of St. Peter's, Gloucester.

m. 13d, Gifts of venison made by the king. A total of 3 entries, 2 of which refer to deer taken without warrant; Gifts of venison made by Roger de Clifford. A total of 8 entries recorded.

m. 14, Regard of the Forest of Dean. The membrane gives the names of 2 sets of regards, consisting of 12 and 11 men respectively. There is a list of 38 old assarts and 13 entries relating, directly or indirectly, to the land of Henry de Dean.

m. 14d, Regard of the Forest of Dean. There is a list of 78 old assarts.

m. 15, Regard of the Forest of Dean. There is a list of 87 old assarts.

m. 15d, Regard of the Forest of Dean. There is a list of 12 old purprestures and 15 new assarts; Arrentation of new assarts. A total of 11 entries.

m. 16, Regard of the Forest of Dean. There is a list of 9 new purprestures and 13 new assarts.

m. 16d, Regard of the Forest of Dean. There is a list of 12 new assarts, although 3 would appear to be purprestures.

m. 17, Regard of the Forest of Dean. Information as to depredations in the king's woods within the Forest of Dean. A total of 10 entries recorded, outlining wastes in some detail.

m. 17d, Blank.

m. 18, Regard of the Forest of Dean. There is a list of 6 old wastes in woods outside the demesne and 14 new wastes.

m. 18d, Regard of the Forest of Dean. There is a list of 3 'new' wastes, but 1 at least is old; There is a list of 60 forges in the forest.

m. 19, Regard of the Forest of Dean. Details of boats illegally transporting wood from the forest. A total of 18 entries recorded.

m. 19d, Details of boats used to transport malefactors to and from the forest. A total of 2 entries recorded.

mm. 20-21d, Names of those indicted for offences against the venison. The 287 names listed are drawn from the pleas of venison recorded on mm. 5-12d above. However, only 234 separate individuals are named, some of whom appear as often as 4 times.

mm. 22-22d, List of pledges and mainpernors. A total of 146 entries recorded.

m. 23, List of pledges and mainpernors. A total of 22 entries recorded; List of mainpernors in the time of the earl of Warwick. A total of 46 entries recorded.

m. 23d-24, List of mainpernors in the time of the earl of Warwick. A total of 131 entries recorded. Payments derived from mainpernors amount to £24 15s overall.

m. 24d, Amercements levied on townships failing to attend inquisitions of venison with full powers. The names of 21 villages are listed, with amerancements amounting to £8 10s.

mm. 25-27, List of mainpernors acting as guarantees of future good behaviour. There is a total of 114 entries, listing 739 mainpernors. A significant number of individuals appear as mainpernors twice or more. In some cases the same men act for 2 or more individuals involved in the same



offence or coming from the same family or village. In this last instance they have been counted only once.

m. 27d, Blank.

m. 28, List of attorneys, distraint orders and miscellaneous. A total of 44 entries recorded.

m. 28d, Enrolment of charters, 6 in total; A total of approximately 14 miscellaneous entries.

m. 29, Miscellaneous entries. A total of 23 such entries recorded; List of those standing surety for the good and faithful service of foresters and other officials [written on an additional piece of parchment attached to the bottom of the membrane]. The names of 13 forest officials are recorded, with 38 mainpernors.

m. 29d, Miscellaneous entries. A total of 19 such entries recorded, 7 on the additional piece of parchment attached to the bottom of the membrane.

mm. 30-31d, Enrolment of charters, 18 in total.

m. 32, Blank.

m. 32d, Enrolment of charters, 8 in total.

m. 33, Regarding the prorogation of the eyre. As a result of the war in Wales, the eyre was prorogued, to be reconvened on 12 April 1282. At that time the justices were to summon to Gloucester the forest officials and all those indicted, attached and pledged who had not yet fined. 30 jurors were also to be elected. In the interim the forest officials were to prevent charcoal burners from taking any more wood from the forest, find pledges for their own good conduct. Anyone attached for an offence against the vert in the meantime should produce 2 pledges; List of the mainpernors provided by the forest officials. The names of 13 officials are noted, with 76 mainpernors [9 of the 13 appear in the list of m. 29, but in 1 case only with the same number of mainpernors]; Mainpernors for offenders against the vert. The names of 7 offenders are noted, with 20 mainpernors; There are 2 further entries on this membrane, the first of which names individuals who should be produced at the reconvened hearings, while the second notes the names of offenders against the venison who should remain in prison in the meantime [Philip de

Blakeney in fact is to be released if he can find 12 mainpernors and pay 5 marks (£3 6s 8d)].

m. 33d, Mainpernors of those indicted by the 30 jurors and regarders. A total of 23 entries recorded, naming 26 offenders against the venison, with 107 mainpernors.

### **The 1285-8 Visitation**

The justices named are Roger Lestrangle, Peter de Lench, John fitz Nigel, William de Vescy, Thomas de Normanville and Richard de Creeping.

A letter of 1 April 1297 refers to an eyre in Wiltshire before Roger Lestrangle and his colleague, presumably as part of this circuit, but this is the only evidence that exists for such an eyre (*CCR, 1296-1302, 24*).

### **Derbyshire eyre**

#### **Derby, 30 September 1285**

Roger Lestrangle, Peter de Lench and John fitz Nigel. The pipe roll names Roger Lestrangle.

### **SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS**

Writ of summons, dated 1 August 1285, for an eyre in the forests of Derbyshire (*CCR, 1279-88, 363*). The appointment of the justices is also recorded on the patent roll in a letter of the same date (*CPR, 1281-92, 187*). This was the first of the forest eyres held at Derby.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Notification, dated 12 July 1285, that a regard is to be made in the forest of the Peak before Michaelmas 1285. It is to be completed prior to the coming of the justices in eyre for pleas of the forest. 2 named individuals, Brother William de Henley, prior of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England and Edmund, the king's brother, are exempt from the common summons (*CCR, 1279-88, 363*).

## PLEA ROLL

DL 39/1/5

John fitz Nigel's roll.

[A brief summary of the information contained on this roll appears in *V.C.H. Derbyshire*, i, pp. 404-7].

m. 1, Appearances. The names of 6 individuals are listed; Essoins. A total of 3 entries recorded; Details of dwellings built in the forest without the permission of the foresters and without warrant. A total of 3 entries recorded; Further pleas of venison relating to the entries on the fifth roll of venison. A total of 3 entries recorded; [The following information is recorded on an additional piece of parchment attached to the bottom of the membrane] There is a single further plea of venison; Enrolment of charters, 2 in total; Note that certain verderers and foresters were unable to produce their rolls when required because they had been burnt by malefactors; [The following information is recorded on a second additional piece of parchment] There is a list of 36 individuals who have been exacted.

m. 1d, Pleas of venison. A total of 5 entries recorded, the last of which outlines the handling of a case from swanimote to eyre. The offender himself is punished, but so too are the foresters and verderers who failed to record the attachment and subsequent proceedings on their rolls; Miscellaneous entries, 1 dealing with the failure to produce rolls, 2 with breaches of the procedure regarding appearances and 1 with false presentment; [The following information is recorded on an additional piece of parchment attached to the bottom of the membrane]. 2 miscellaneous entries, 1 dealing with receipt of payment for releasing a malefactor from custody, the other with failure to produce rolls; Pleas of venison. A total of 3 entries recorded; Amercements for defaults on the first day of proceedings. A total of 21 amerancements recorded, amounting to £33 4s 4d [the total provided by the scribe is correct].

m. 2, Pleas of venison. Names of 17 foresters responsible for presenting the pleas. A total of 10 entries recorded, listing 12 separate offences.

m. 2d, Pleas of venison. A total of 11 entries recorded, 3 of which take a slightly unusual form in that they give the names of habitual offenders and then offer an example of their criminal behaviour. The scribe provides a total for this rotulet of £75 17s 4d.

m. 3, Pleas of venison. A total of 11 entries recorded.

m. 3d, Pleas of venison. A total of 6 entries recorded, listing 12 separate offences.

m. 4, Pleas of venison. A total of 7 entries recorded, listing 13 separate offences.

m. 4d, Pleas of venison. A total of 7 entries recorded.

m. 5, Pleas of venison. A total of 8 entries recorded.

m. 5d, Pleas of venison. A total of 9 entries recorded.

m. 6, Pleas of venison. A total of 7 entries recorded, listing 10 separate offences. All of the entries on this membrane relate to the activities of Thomas de Furnival, constable of the castle of the Peak. At the bottom of the membrane it is noted that he owes the sum of 200 marks (£13 6s 8d) for the above-mentioned offences.

m. 6d, Pleas of venison. A total of 2 entries recorded, listing 4 separate offences.

m. 7, Pleas of venison. Names of the bailiff of the Peak, 1 forester, 4 verderers and 36 others responsible for presenting the pleas. A total of 9 entries recorded, the first 8 of which relate to the activities of William de Foleiaumbe, whether facilitating the transgressions of his men or accused of false presentment. The final entry details the amercement of the sheriff of York for failing to produce malefactors as ordered.

m. 7d, Pleas of venison. A total of 17 entries recorded, listing 18 separate offences. 1 of the entries deals with the concealment of transgressions in return for payment.

m. 8, Pleas of the vert in the demesne land of the forest of the Peak. A total of 77 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £5 4s. At the bottom of the membrane it is noted that all the foresters and verderers have been amerced for replacing the name of Robert Balgy with that of the dead Ralph Balgy.

m. 8d, Pleas of the vert. A total of 93 entries recorded, 1 of which has been struck through and 1 of which is simply a duplicate of an earlier entry. Payments amount to £6 3s 6d. At the bottom of the membrane it is noted that all 4 verderers have been amerced for presenting the dead William Redeknave instead of the village of Bradwell. They had altered their rolls accordingly. [The scribe provides a total of £11 3s 4d for the rotulet. This does not appear to be correct].

m. 9, Pleas of the vert. A total of 87 entries recorded, 3 of which have been struck through. Payments amount to £7 1s 2d. At the bottom of the membrane it is noted that all 4 foresters and verderers [*sic*] have been amerced for altering their rolls and presenting the dead Robert Bigod in place of Nicholas de Bradwell, cleric.

m. 9d, Pleas of the vert. A total of 179 entries recorded, 1 of which has been struck through. Another entry is very faint and may have been erased. Payments amount to £11 4s 10d. [The scribe provides a total of £18 10s 4d for the rotulet. This does not appear to be correct].

m. 10, Pleas of the vert. A total of 110 entries recorded, 1 of which has been struck through. Payments amount to £13 3s 11d. 1 of the entries details the illegal receipt of payments by Thomas Foleiaumbe. The names of 4 men acting as mainpernors are listed at the bottom of the membrane.

m. 10d, Pleas of the vert. A total of 27 entries recorded. Payments amount to £12 1s 4d. [The scribe provides a total of £27 2s 3d for this rotulet, and £55 17s 3d for all pleas of the vert. Neither of these is correct].

m. 11, Responses of verderers to chapters regarding demesne assarts, purprestures and prises. A total of 51 purprestures recorded. They give information as to the size of the holding, the money that has or has not been paid for it and the name of the current holder.

m. 11d, Responses of verderers to the above chapters. There is a list of 71 purprestures, 19 from the time of William de Horsenden, 1 from that of Ivo de Elynton, and 51 from the time of Richard le Ragged. Some of the entries refer to burgage holdings. There is also a note regarding the arrentation of the lands in question and arrangements for payment.

m. 12, Responses of verderers to the above chapters. There is a list of 72 purprestures, 43 from the time of Richard le Ragged and 29 from the time of Thomas Foleiaumbe. 8 of the entries dating from the time of Richard le Ragged relate to shops.

m. 12d, Responses of verderers to the above chapters. There is a list of 38 purprestures from the time of Thomas Foleiaumbe. A further entry has been struck through; There are 24 entries referring to shops and burgage holdings in the time of Thomas Foleiaumbe.

m. 13, Responses of verderers to the above chapters. List of 2 purprestures in the time of Ralph de Cornerth, 2 in the time of Walter de Aylesbury, 4 in the time of Thomas le Ragged and 23 in the time of Robert Bozon; List of 7 new assarts within the demesne in the time of Richard le Ragged and 3 in the time of Thomas Foleiaumbe.

m. 13d, Responses of verderers to the above chapters. List of 3 new assarts in the time of Thomas Foleiaumbe, 3 in the time of Gilbert de Lisor and 9 in the time of Robert Bozon.

m. 14, Responses of verderers to the above chapters. List of 45 old assarts without the demesne, the majority of which concern the abbot of Basingwerk.

m. 14d, Information relating to the rights and holdings of the foresters of the Peak. There are entries relating to 5 foresters in fee in the bailiwick of Campana whose ancestors were enfeoffed in the time of William Peverel.

There are 2 further entries, 1 of which relates to land granted to support the hunting of wolves and another to the holding of a forester in 'Grayock'.

m. 15, Information relating to the demesne woods in the bailiwicks of Hopedale and Longdendale. There is a list of 5 and 14 entries respectively, outlining damage done to the vert. 1 of the entries which appears in the list for Hopedale is noted as deriving from Campana. The last of the entries on this membrane provides details of an inquiry into a claim of the abbot of Basingwerk to have his wood quit of the regard.

m. 15d, Continuation of the inquiry into the claim of the abbot of Basingwerk; Information relating to the demesne woods in the bailiwick of Campana.

There is a list of 4 entries, outlining damage done to the vert; 3 amercements

for old wastes, with payments amounting to £1; Information relating to herbage. There are 2 entries detailing land where there is no right of common pasture, followed by information as to the special arrangements applying to the livestock of the men of the township of Castle in the Peak; Details of the offences of 3 verderers with regard to the grazing of livestock within the forest; Further list of hays within the demesne where there is no right of common pasture.

m. 16, List of 11 new assarts and 7 purprestures from the time of Geoffrey de Langley. It is noted that these lands differ in status from other such holdings in that they were legitimately cultivated in return for rent; Single entry relating to an old assart in the fee of the abbot of Basingwerk within the demesne; List of 8 new assarts and 7 new purprestures in the fee of the abbot of Basingwerk without the demesne.

m. 16d, List of 4 purprestures in the fee of Thomas le Ragged without the demesne; List of 7 new wastes in the fee of the abbot of Basingwerk without the demesne.

m. 17, Information relating to the rights and holdings of the foresters of the Peak in the bailiwick of Longdendale. There are entries relating to 4 foresters in fee whose ancestors were enfeoffed in the time of William Peverel; Information relating to the rights and holdings of the foresters of the Peak in the bailiwick of Hopedale. There are entries relating to 7 foresters in fee whose ancestors were enfeoffed in the time of William Peverel; Metes and bounds of the forest of the Peak; Details of an inquiry into liberties claimed by Thomas le Ragged to the detriment of the forest.

m. 17d, Details of horses kept within the forest bounds. A total of 21 entries recorded.

m. 18, Information regarding the transgressions and extortions of the forest officials. A total of 11 entries recorded, with offences ranging from the unwarranted expeditation of dogs to the overburdening of the forest with officials.

m. 18d, Information regarding the transgressions and extortions of the forest officials. A total of 3 entries recorded. There is also a note that the bailiwicks

of the offending foresters were seized into the king's hands but will be returned on the payment of a fine and an undertaking of future good behaviour, and details of an inquiry which resulted in the exoneration of certain foresters; There are then 2 entries relating to the unwarranted establishment of forges within the forest; Note that lead ore to the value of £10 a year has been found in the forest and should be included in the farm; A list of 8 entries relating to the illegal pasturing of animals by forest officials.

## COPY ROLL

DL 39/1/6

This roll probably dates from the fifteenth century. The membranes are stitched together end to end and the dorse is blank.

m. 1, Details of dwellings built in the forest without the permission of the foresters and without warrant. A total of 5 entries recorded under this heading, 2 of which in fact concern the grazing of livestock to the detriment of the forest [the first 3 entries are drawn from m. 1 of DL 39/1/5 above and the remaining 2 from m. 15d]; Enrolment of charters, 2 in total [drawn from m. 1 of DL 39/1/5 above]; Metes and bounds of the forest of the Peak [as m. 17 of DL 39/1/5 above]; Details of an inquiry into liberties claimed by Thomas le Ragged to the detriment of the forest [as m. 17 of DL 39/1/5 above]. 2 entries relating to the unwarranted establishment of forges within the forest [as m. 18d of DL 39/1/5 above]; Note regarding lead ore in the forest [as m. 18d of DL 39/1/5 above]; Information relating to herbage [as m. 15d of DL 39/1/5 above]; Information relating to the rights and holdings of the foresters of the Peak in the bailiwick of Longdendale. The names of 4 foresters appear [as m. 17 of DL 39/1/5 above].

m. 2, Information relating to the rights and holdings of the foresters of the Peak in the bailiwick of Longdendale. There are entries relating to 4 foresters in fee [as m. 17 of DL 39/1/5 above]; Information relating to the rights and holdings of the foresters of the Peak in the bailiwick of Hopedale [as m. 17 of DL 39/1/5 above].



m. 3, Responses of verderers to chapters regarding assarts in the demesne, purprestures and prises [all of the entries recorded on m. 11 of DL 39/1/5 above, together with the first entry from m. 11d].

m. 4, Responses of verderers to chapters regarding demesne assarts, purprestures and prises. A total of 51 entries recorded [drawn from m. 11d of DL 39/1/5 above]. The note regarding the arrentation of wastes which appears on m. 11d above is also recorded.

m. 5, Responses of verderers to chapters regarding demesne assarts, purprestures and prises. A total of 76 entries recorded [drawn from mm. 11d-12 of DL 39/1/5 above].

m. 6, Responses of verderers to chapters regarding demesne assarts, purprestures and prises. A total of 73 entries recorded [drawn from mm. 12d-13 of DL 39/1/5 above].

m. 7, Responses of verderers to chapters regarding demesne assarts, purprestures and prises. A total of 50 entries recorded [drawn from mm. 13-13d of DL 39/1/5 above].

m. 8, Responses of verderers to chapters regarding demesne assarts, purprestures and prises. A total of 46 entries recorded [drawn from mm. 13d-14 of DL 39/1/5 above]; List of assarts and purprestures from the time of Geoffrey de Langley [as m. 16 of DL 39/1/5 above]. The note recorded on m. 16 is also recorded; Single entry relating to an old assart in the fee of the abbot of Basingwerk within the demesne [as m. 16 of DL 39/1/5 above]; List of new assarts in the fee of the abbot of Basingwerk without the demesne. A total of 2 entries recorded [drawn from m. 16 of DL 39/1/5 above].

m. 9, List of new assarts and purprestures in the fee of the abbot of Basingwerk without the demesne. A total of 13 entries recorded [drawn from m. 16 of DL 39/1/5 above]; List of purprestures in the fee of Thomas le Ragged without the demesne [as m. 16d of DL 39/1/5 above]; List of new wastes in the fee of the abbot of Basingwerk without the demesne [as m. 16d of DL 39/1/5 above]; Pleas of the vert in the forest of the Peak within the demesne. A total of 21 entries recorded [drawn from mm. 8-10d of DL 39/1/5 above].

m. 10, Pleas of the vert. A total of 5 entries recorded [drawn from m. 10d of DL 39/1/5 above]; Information relating to the demesne woods in the bailiwicks of Hopedale, Campana and Longdendale [as mm. 15-15d of DL 39/1/5 above].

## **COPY ROLL**

### **DL 39/1/11**

This roll dates from the thirteenth century. The membranes are stitched together end to end and the dorse is blank.

m. 1, Pleas of venison. A total of 40 entries recorded [drawn from mm. 1-6 of DL 39/1/5].

m. 2, Pleas of venison. A total of 10 entries recorded [drawn from mm. 6 and 7-7d of DL 39/1/5 above]; Pleas of the vert. A total of 16 entries recorded [15 are drawn from mm. 8-10 of DL 39/1/5, but I cannot trace the remaining entry]. All but 1 of these 16 entries relates to amercements levied on whole townships; Responses of verderers to chapters regarding demesne assarts, purprestures and prises. A total of 25 entries recorded [drawn from m. 11 of DL 39/1/5].

mm. 3-6, Responses of verderers to the above chapters. A total of 289 entries recorded [drawn, with 1 exception, from mm. 11-14 of DL 39/1/5]. The note regarding the arrentation of wastes which appears on m. 11d above is also recorded [m. 3]. The single entry which has not appeared previously, a purpresture, is recorded on m. 4. In addition 17 entries have been duplicated in error [m. 5]. I have not included these in the overall total.

m. 7, Responses of verderers to the above chapters. A total of 7 entries recorded [drawn from m. 14 of DL 39/1/5 above]; Information relating to the rights and holdings of the foresters of the Peak [as m. 14d of DL 39/1/5]; Information relating to the demesne woods in the bailiwick of Hopedale [as m. 15 of DL 39/1/5].

m. 8, Information relating to the demesne woods in the bailiwick of Longdendale [as mm. 15-15d of DL 39/1/5]; Information relating to the demesne woods in the bailiwick of Campana [as m. 15d of DL 39/1/5]; 3

amercements for old wastes [as m. 15d of DL 39/1/5]; Information relating to herbage [abbreviated version of entries recorded on m. 15d of DL 39/1/5]; Details of the offences of verderers with regard to the grazing of livestock within the forest [information relating to 2 verderers has been reproduced from m. 15d of DL 39/1/5]; Further list of hays within the demesne where there is no right of common pasture [as m. 15d of DL 39/1/5]; List of assarts and purprestures from the time of Geoffrey de Langley [as m. 16 of DL 39/1/5].

m. 9, Single entry relating to an old assart in the fee of the abbot of Basingwerk within the demesne [as m. 16 of DL 39/1/5]; List of 8 new assarts [as m. 16 of DL 39/1/5]; List of 8 new purprestures [drawn from mm. 16-16d of DL 39 1/5]; List of 7 new wastes [as m. 16d of DL 39/1/5]; Information relating to the rights and holdings of the foresters of the Peak. A total of 7 entries recorded [drawn from m. 17 of DL 39/1/5]; Metes and bounds of the forest of the Peak [as m. 17 of DL 39/1/5]; Details of an inquiry into liberties claimed by Thomas le Ragged to the detriment of the forest [as m. 17 of DL 39/1/5]. Information regarding the transgressions and extortions of the forest officials. A single entry is recorded [drawn from m. 18 of DL 39/1/5].

m. 9d, Records the names of the justices responsible for hearing the pleas, together with the date.

## ESTREAT ROLL

E 146/1/15

The membranes are stitched together end to end and in all cases the dorse is blank.

m. 1, Fines, redemptions and amercements in the forest of the Peak. Amercements for defaults. A total of 20 amercements recorded. [The right hand edge of this membrane is damaged and it is impossible to provide a total value]; Amercements of the vert. A total of 69 amercements recorded, amounting to £5 4s 4d.

m. 2, Amercements of the vert. A total of 97 amercements recorded, amounting to £7 9s 2d.

- m. 3, Amercements of the vert. A total of 94 amerancements recorded, amounting to £8 9s 8d.
- m. 4, Amercements of the vert. A total of 95 amerancements recorded, amounting to £7 6s 10d.
- m. 5, Amercements of the vert. A total of 76 amerancements recorded, amounting to £11 10s 2d.
- m. 6, Amercements of the vert. A total of 33 amerancements recorded, amounting to £13 9s 1d; Amercements of the venison. A total of 13 amerancements recorded, amounting to £44 2s.
- m. 7, Amercements of the venison. A total of 26 amerancements recorded, amounting to £355 13s 4d; A single amerancement of £1 for an offence against the venison in Staffordshire.
- m. 8, Amercements of the venison in the hundred of Macclesfield in Cheshire. A total of 32 amerancements recorded, amounting to £30 3s 4d.
- m. 9, Amercements of the venison in the county of Lancashire. A total of 11 amerancements recorded, amounting to £49 13s 4d; Further amerancements of the venison. A total of 33 amerancements recorded, amounting to £19 14s.
- m. 10, Amercements of the venison. A total of 27 amerancements recorded, amounting to £38 11s 4d; Regard of the forest of the Peak. A total of 21 entries recorded, all for waste of woods, with payments amounting to £23 7s 8d.
- m. 11, Regard of the forest of the Peak. A list of 61 assarts, wastes and purprestures. There are also 5 entries relating to the unjust exaction of payments for expeditation. Total payments amount to £100 8s 6d.
- m. 12, Regard of the forest of the Peak. There is a list of 1 assart, 1 purpresture and 7 entries relating to the receipts of various forest bailiffs. Payments amount to £56 12s 3d.

## ACCOUNT

E 372/131 [1286], Rot. 2 m. 1d, Rot. 9 m. 1d, Rot. 12 m. 2 and Rot. 17 m. 2d;  
E 372/136 [1291], Rot. 11 m. 2d; E 372/137 [1292], Rot. 2 m. 2d.

Some of the entries recorded on E 372/131 [1286] appear in the accounts for Yorkshire, Berkshire and Essex, as well as Derbyshire.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £441.

### **Cumberland eyre**

#### **Carlisle, 5 November 1285**

William de Vescy, Thomas de Normanville and Richard de Creeping. The pipe roll names William de Vescy.

### **SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS**

Writ of summons, dated 1 August 1285, for an eyre in the forests of Cumberland. The original date is given as 30 September 1285 (*CCR*, 1279-88, 363).

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Notification, dated 12 July 1285, that a regard is to be made in the forest of Inglewood before Michaelmas 1285. It is to be completed prior to the coming of the justices in eyre for pleas of the forest. 3 named individuals, Brother William de Henley, prior of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England, Eudo de Carlisle and Alexander, king of Scotland, are exempt from the common summons (*CCR*, 1279-88, 363). A letter from William de Vescy to Robert Burnel, dating from either August or September 1285, notes preparations for the eyre (SC 1/24, no. 173). In a second letter, written before the end of the year, de Vescy requests that he be assigned to another circuit because of delays in closing the eyre (SC 1/24, no. 175).

### **PLEA ROLL**

#### **E 32/5**

William de Vescy's roll.

m. 1, Names of the 20 foresters and 12 verderers responsible for presenting pleas of venison. Pleas of venison. A total of 6 entries recorded.

m. 1d, Pleas of venison. A total of 4 entries recorded.  
 m. 2, Pleas of venison. A total of 8 entries recorded.  
 m. 2d, Pleas of venison. A total of 8 entries recorded.  
 m. 3, Pleas of venison. A total of 9 entries recorded.  
 m. 3d, Pleas of venison. A total of 7 entries recorded.  
 m. 4, Pleas of venison. A total of 7 entries recorded.  
 m. 4d, Pleas of venison. A total of 12 entries recorded.  
 m. 5, Pleas of venison. A total of 14 entries recorded.  
 m. 5d, Pleas of venison. A total of 10 entries recorded.  
 m. 6, Pleas of venison. A total of 12 entries recorded.  
 m. 6d, Pleas of venison. A total of 15 entries recorded.  
 m. 7, Pleas of venison. A total of 9 entries recorded.  
 m. 7d, Pleas of venison. A total of 10 entries recorded.  
 m. 8, Pleas of venison. A total of 13 entries recorded.  
 m. 8d, Pleas of venison. A total of 10 entries recorded.  
 m. 9, Pleas of venison. A total of 11 entries recorded.  
 m. 9d, Pleas of venison. A total of 9 entries recorded.  
 m. 10, Pleas of venison. A total of 12 entries recorded.  
 m. 10d, Pleas of venison. A total of 9 entries recorded.  
 m. 11, Pleas of venison. A total of 11 entries recorded.  
 m. 11d, Pleas of venison. A total of 13 entries recorded.  
 m. 12, Pleas of venison. A total of 13 entries recorded.  
 m. 12d, Pleas of venison. A total of 9 entries recorded.  
 m. 13, Pleas of venison. A total of 9 entries recorded.  
 m. 13d, Pleas of venison. A total of 11 entries recorded. The scribe provides totals at the end of each membrane, which amount to approximately £332 15s.  
 mm. 14-20d, List of mainpernors acting as surety for fines and future good behaviour. A total of 253 entries recorded, with 2657 mainpernors.  
 mm. 21-21d, List of mainpernors acting as surety for good behaviour until the next eyre. A total of 13 entries, with 68 mainpernors. In all, 14 of the

mainpernors have died since the list was originally drawn up. Payments amount to £6 5s [although the scribe provides a total of £5 16s 8d].

m. 22, Essoins. A total of 31 entries, 30 of which are the result of death; List of 28 entries relating to attendance at the eyre, or otherwise.

m. 22d, List of 21 entries relating to attendance at the eyre. A further 3 entries have been struck through because they have already been recorded.

m. 23, List of amercements levied on villages failing to attend inquisitions with full powers. A total of 29 amercements recorded, amounting to £10 [although the scribe provides a total of £9 13s 4d].

m. 23d, Blank.

m. 24, Amercements for defaults, in this case failure to attend on the first day of the common summons. A total of 39 amercements recorded, amounting to £4 18s 6d.

m. 24d, Blank.

m. 25, Pleas of the vert. A total of 26 entries recorded.

m. 25d, Pleas of the vert. A total of 22 entries recorded.

m. 26, Pleas of the vert. A total of 31 entries recorded.

m. 26d, Pleas of the vert. A total of 34 entries recorded.

m. 27, Pleas of the vert. A total of 26 entries recorded.

m. 27d, Pleas of the vert. A total of 25 entries recorded.

m. 28, Pleas of the vert. A total of 39 entries recorded.

m. 28d, Pleas of the vert. A total of 27 entries recorded; Details of 10 oak trees given by William de Vescy; Note that all of the verderers have been amerced for failure to present pleas of the vert and venison correctly. The scribe provides a total of £68 for all of the rotulets relating to pleas of the vert.

mm. 29-32d, Regard of Allerdale forest. Names of 12 regards, and a list of 164 assarts and purprestures. It is clear from the information contained on these rotulets that a single individual might be responsible for as many as 15 separate assarts and purprestures. There are also 5 old and new wastes, a note that all the regards have been amerced for failure to present their findings correctly. Details of an inquisition.

mm. 33-33d, Regard of Inglewood forest between Eden and Caldew. Names of 12 regards. There is a list of 42 old assarts and purprestures.

mm. 34-34d, Regard of Inglewood forest between Eden and Caldew. There is a list of 49 new assarts and purprestures.

m. 35, Regard of Inglewood forest between Eden and Caldew. There is a list of 5 miscellaneous entries relating to turbaries, ponds etc., 8 old wastes within the king's demesne woods, 6 old wastes outside the demesne, 22 entries relating to the cutting down of oak trees in the demesne [more specifically to the number of tree stumps found]. The scribe provides a total of £83 5s for revenue derived from the trees.

m. 35d, Regard of Inglewood forest. Details of the trespasses of the inhabitants of 2 townships, Sowerby and Penrith. The men and women of Sowerby are responsible for assarting 264 acres of land, while the natives of Penrith have caused considerable damage to the royal park of Plumpton. Details of beasts given by the king, or taken for his own use, since the last eyre. There are 21 such entries. There is also a note that at least 2545 animals have died through disease since the last eyre. 12 beasts have been taken by the current justices appointed to hear pleas of the forest.

m. 36, Regard of Inglewood forest between Eden and Caldew. This membrane contains information relating to the chapters of the regard, namely birds of prey, forges and mines, ports and honey. There are also details of 4 purprestures, 1 of which has been valued at too low a rent.

m. 36d, Regard of Inglewood forest between Eden and Caldew. Details of at least 4 inquiries into claims in the forest.

mm. 37-37d, Regard of Inglewood forest. Details of an inquiry into the state of the forest of Inglewood undertaken by 12 verderers and 36 regards.

m. 38, Regard of Inglewood forest. This membrane contains further information relating to the chapters of the regard. There are 19 entries in total.

m. 38d, Regard of Inglewood forest. There is a list of 9 further entries relating to the chapter of the regard. There are then at least 3 entries outlining claims in the forest.



mm. 39-39d, Regard of Inglewood forest. Agistment of Inglewood forest.  
There are entries for the years 46-56 Henry III (1261-2 to 1271-2) and 1-13 Edward I (1272-3 to 1284-5), together with a record of payments to the Exchequer and monies still owed. The scribe provides a total of £80 9s 11½d. for the account of the agisters.  
mm. 40-42, Enrolment of charters, 18 in total.  
m. 42d, Blank.

## ACCOUNT

E 372/131 [1286], Rot. 17 m. 2d and Rot. 20 m. 2d; E 372/132 [1287], Rot. 25 mm. 2-1d; E 372/133 [1288], Rot. 9 mm. 2-1d; E 372/136 [1291], Rot. 7 m. 1d; E 372/137 [1292], Rot. 24 m. 2 and Rot. 24 m. 2d; E 372/140 [1295], Rot. 6 mm. 1-2; E 372/143 [1298], Rot. 19 m. 2.

The entries recorded on E 372/131 [1286] appear in the accounts for Essex and Lancashire, the single entry on E 372/136 [1291] appears in the account for Westmoreland and, finally, some of the entries on E 372/137 [1292] appear in the account for Yorkshire. Most of the entries recorded on E 372/132 [1287] are payments for assarts.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £868 11s 1½d.

## Staffordshire eyre

**Stafford, 20 January 1286**

Roger Lestrangle, Peter de Lench and John fitz Nigel. The pipe roll names Roger Lestrangle.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Notification, dated 5 December 1285, that a regard is to be made in Cannock forest before 13 January 1286. It is to be completed prior to the coming of the justices in eyre for pleas of the forest (*CCR*, 1279-88, 407).

A letter of 28 March 1287 deals with alleged infringements of the liberty of the bishop of Coventry and Lichfield by the justices in eyre (*SC* 1/45, no. 45).

## PLEA ROLL

E 32/188

A partial translation of this roll appears in Wrottesley, pp. 157-75 and the eyre is also noted in *V.C.H. Staffordshire*, ii, p. 337].

John fitz Nigel's roll.

m. 1, Appearances. The names of 43 individuals are listed; Essoins. A total of 50 entries. [There is a schedule attached to this membrane which provides details of the metes and bounds of Cannock forest and the liberties claimed therein].

m. 1d, Enrolment of charters, 7 in total.

m. 2, Pleas of venison in Kinver forest. A total of 6 entries recorded, together with details of 4 townships failing to attend inquisitions with full powers.

Names of 2 foresters and 4 verderers responsible for presenting pleas of venison.

m. 2d, Pleas of venison in Kinver forest. A total of 8 entries recorded.

m. 3, Pleas of venison in Kinver forest. A total of 7 entries recorded.

m. 3d, Pleas of venison in Kinver forest. A total of 5 entries recorded; Pleas of the vert in Kinver forest. A total of 5 entries recorded, with payments amounting to 17s 4d; List of 12 entries relating to the failure of mainpernors to produce Philip de Warrington on the first day of proceedings. Payments amount to £1 10s.

m. 4, Pleas of venison in Cannock forest. A total of 5 entries recorded. Names of 4 foresters and 5 verderers responsible for presenting pleas of venison.

m. 4d, Pleas of venison in Cannock forest. A total of 5 entries recorded, with 8 pleas in total. The final plea is concluded on an additional piece of parchment attached to the bottom of the membrane.

m. 5, Pleas of venison in Cannock forest. A total of 5 entries recorded.

m. 5d, Pleas of venison in Cannock forest. A total of 6 entries recorded.

m. 6, Pleas of venison in Cannock forest in the time of John de Clinton. A total of 6 entries recorded, 1 of which deals with a false indictment.

m. 6d, Pleas of venison in Cannock forest. This membrane begins with an account of the inquiry into the state of Cannock forest undertaken by Thomas de Bray and Peter de Lench 13 Edward I (1284-5). Their findings are concerned with the activities of Adam de Botyndon. There are also 4 pleas of venison in the usual form.

m. 7, Pleas of venison in Cannock forest. A total of 10 entries recorded.

m. 7d, Pleas of venison in Cannock forest. A total of 7 entries recorded.

m. 8, Pleas of venison in Cannock forest. A total of 2 entries recorded; Metes and bounds of Cannock forest; Liberties claimed in Cannock forest. All of the entries under this heading relate to the claims of the bishop of Coventry and Lichfield.

m. 8d, Liberties claimed in Cannock forest. Again all of the entries relate to claims of the bishop of Coventry and Lichfield.

m. 9, Metes and bounds of Cannock forest and liberties claimed therein. This reproduces the information contained on mm. 8-8d above.

m. 9d, Blank.

m. 10, Pleas of the vert in Cannock forest. A total of 81 entries recorded.

m. 10d, Pleas of the vert in Cannock forest. A total of 83 entries recorded

m. 11, Pleas of the vert in Cannock forest. A total of 98 entries recorded.

m. 11d. Pleas of the vert in Cannock forest. There are 35 entries recorded on this membrane and 2 inquisitions. This is the only membrane for which any financial penalties are noted. Payments amount to £3 12s 3d.

m. 12, Regard of Kinver forest. Names of 12 regards, all of whom have been amerced. There is a list of 16 old assarts and 7 new assarts.

m. 12d, Regard of Kinver forest. There is a list of 27 new assarts.

m. 13, Regard of Kinver forest. There is a list of 37 old purprestures and 1 new purpresture within the demesne and 1 old purpresture without.

m. 13d, Regard of Kinver forest. There is a list of 10 new purprestures within the demesne, details of a wood legitimately enclosed and 2 wastes.

m. 14, Regard of Cannock forest. Names of 11 regards, all of whom have been amerced for failure to present old assarts and purprestures. An individual has been amerced because he refused to make the regard, and

another withdrew from office without permission. There is a list of 31 new assarts, 25 from the first regard and 6 from the second.

m. 14d, The second regard of Cannock forest. There is a list of 38 new assarts under this heading.

m. 15, The second regard of Cannock forest. There is a list of 7 new assarts; The third regard of Cannock forest. There is a list of 15 new assarts; The fourth regard of Cannock forest, 13 Edward I (1284-5). There is a list of 19 new assarts.

m. 15d, The regard of Cannock forest. There is a list of 61 old assarts.

m. 16, The first regard of Cannock forest. There is a list of 54 new purprestures in the time of Thomas de Wesham.

m. 16d, The first regard of Cannock forest. There is a list of 11 new purprestures; The second regard of Cannock forest. There is a list of 37 new purprestures in the time of William Tromwine.

m. 17, The third regard of Cannock forest. There is a list of 45 new purprestures in the time of John de Clinton and 8 new purprestures in the time of Philip de Montgomery.

m. 17d, The third regard of Cannock forest. There is a list of 41 new purprestures in the time of Philip de Montgomery.

m. 18, Agistment in Kinver forest for the years 56 Henry III (1271-2) and 1-12 Edward I (1271-2 to 1283-4); Payments relating to escaped animals in Kinver forest for the years 55-6 Henry III (1270-1 to 1271-2) and 1-13 Edward I (1271-2 to 1284-5); Revenue derived from windfallen wood for the years 9 and 13-14 Edward I (1280-1, 1284-5 to 1285-6); Revenue derived from the creation of a clearing 9 Edward I (1280-1); Agistment in Cannock forest for the years 1-14 Edward I (1271-2 to 1285-6).

m. 18d, Payments relating to escaped animals in Cannock forest for the years 1-14 Edward I (1272-86); There is a list of 16 old wastes and 9 new wastes.

COPY ROLL

E 32/189

The membranes which constitute this roll are stitched together end to end. In all cases the dorse is blank.

m. 1, Enrolment of charters, 4 in total [paraphrases of charters recorded on m. 1d of E 32/188]; Pleas of venison in Kinver forest. A total of 9 pleas recorded [paraphrases of entries recorded on mm. 2-3]. There are also 3 entries relating to the failure of townships to attend inquisitions with full powers [see m. 2 of E 32/188]

m. 2, Pleas of venison in Kinver forest. A total of 8 entries recorded [paraphrases of entries recorded on mm. 3-3d of E 32/188]; Pleas of the vert in Kinver forest. A total of 3 entries recorded [drawn from m. 3d of E 32/188]; Pleas of venison in Cannock forest. A total of 23 pleas recorded [paraphrases of entries recorded on mm. 4-8 of E 32/188]; Metes and bounds of Cannock forest [see m. 8 of E 32/188]. The description of the metes and bounds is completed on the next membrane.

m. 3, Metes and bounds of Cannock forest; Liberties claimed in Cannock forest [selected claims from mm. 8-8d of E 32/188]. Pleas of the vert in Cannock forest. A total of 10 entries [drawn from mm. 10d-11d of E 32/188]; 2 inquisitions [as m. 11d of E 32/188]; Regard of Kinver forest. Name of a single regarder. There is a list of 7 old assarts [drawn from m. 12 of E 32/188], 5 new assarts [drawn from mm. 12-12d of E 32/188], 2 old purprestures within the demesne [drawn from m. 13 of E 32/188], 1 old purpresture without the demesne [drawn from m. 13 of E 32/188] and 1 new purpresture within the demesne [drawn from m. 13 of E 32/188].

## ACCOUNT

E 372/131 [1286], Rot. 17 m. 1; E 372/133 [1288], Rot. 22 m. 2 and Rot. 25 m. 1; E 372/134 [1289], Rot. 7 m. 1; E 372/135 [1290], Rot. 18 m. 1.

An entry recorded on E 372/133 appears in the account for Lancashire. The entries recorded on E 372/131 [1286] are said to date from the eyre of 12 Edward I (1284).

Total assessed revenue amounts to £1624 7s ¾d, including a single £1000 fine levied on Roger de Meulan, bishop of Coventry and Lichfield.

## **Northumberland eyre**

**Newcastle upon Tyne, 22 April 1286**

William de Vescy, Thomas de Normanville and Richard de Creeping. The pipe roll names William de Vescy.

### **SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS**

Writ of summons, dated 15 November 1285, for an eyre in the forests of Northumberland (*CCR, 1279-88, 379*). The original date for the eyre is given as 20 January 1286. The appointment of the justices is also recorded on the patent roll in a letter of 1 February 1286. It is noted that the justices have been commissioned to hear pleas dating from the time of the last eyre to the disafforestation of the county (*CPR, 1281-92, 220*).

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Notification, dated 5 December 1285, that a regard is to be made before the feast of St. Hilary. It is to be completed prior to the coming of the justices (*CCR, 1279-88, 407*). 2 named individuals, Alexander, king of Scotland and Robert fitz Roger, are exempt from the common summons (*CCR, 1279-88, 405*).

### **PLEA ROLL**

**E 32/125**

William de Vescy's roll.

m. 1, Names of the 6 foresters and 12 verderers responsible for presenting pleas of venison. Pleas of venison. A total of 8 entries recorded.

m. 1d, Pleas of venison. A total of 13 entries recorded.

m. 2, Pleas of venison. A total of 10 entries recorded.

m. 2d, Essoins. A total of 7 entries; Amercements for defaults. A total of 29 amerancements recorded, amounting to £6 7s; Amercements levied on

townships for failing to attend inquisitions with full powers. A total of 27 amercements recorded, amounting to £6 4s 8d.

m. 3, Pleas of the vert dating from 47 Henry III (1262-3). A total of 56 entries recorded, the last of which relates to the payment of pannage. Amercements, amounting to £2 5s, are recorded for only 7 entries.

m. 3d, List of mainpernors acting as surety for fines and the future good behaviour of offenders against the venison. A total of 20 entries recorded, with 100 mainpernors.

m. 4, Regard of the forest in Northumberland, around the River Coquet. Names of 12 regards. There is a list of 10 assarts, 6 of them arrented, 12 purprestures and 6 wastes.

m. 4d, Regard of the forest in Northumberland. There is a list of 5 wastes, 3 entries relating to forges in the forest, 1 entry dealing with the illegal erection of houses and a final note that several regards have been amerced for concealing information.

m. 5, Regard of the forest in Northumberland, between the Rivers Coquet and Aln. Names of 11 regards. There is a list of 5 wastes, 1 entry relating to forges in the forest, 1 to the cutting down of trees and 1 to the presence of pigs in the forest.

m. 5d, Regard of the forest in Northumberland north of the River Aln. Names of 12 regards. There is a list of 6 old purprestures, 1 waste and a note that several of the regards have been amerced for incorrectly presenting their findings. There is also a claim to exemption based on the Charter of the Forest.

m. 5d, Blank.

m. 6, Enrolment of a charter, dated December 9 Edward 1280, deforesting the county of Northumberland in return for an annual payment at the Exchequer. There is also a notification to the justices of the same; Inquisition.

m. 6d, Blank.

## ACCOUNT

E 372/132 [1287], Rot. 4 m. 2d and Rot. 13 m. 2; E 372/133 [1288], Rot. 17 m. 2d.

Some of the entries recorded on E 372/132 [1287] appear in the account for Yorkshire.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £276 19s 1½d.

### **Huntingdonshire eyre**

#### **Huntingdon, 1 July 1286**

Roger Lestrangle, Peter de Lench and John fitz Nigel. The pipe roll names Roger Lestrangle.

### **SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS**

A letter of 6 May 1286 records the appointment of the justices in eyre for pleas of the forest in Huntingdonshire (*CCR*, 1279-88, 418). The appointment is also recorded on the patent roll in a letter of 7 May 1286 (*CPR*, 1281-92, 243). In a letter of c.25 April 1286 Roger Lestrangle writes to Robert Burnel requesting a forest eyre in the county (SC 1/23, no. 179). Another letter of c. July 1286 refers to difficulties with the eyre (SC 1/25, no. 105).

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Notification, dated 8 October 1283, that a regard is to be made in Weybridge forest before Christmas. It is to be completed prior to the coming of the justices in eyre for pleas of the forest (*CCR*, 1279-88, 239).

### **PLEA ROLL**

#### **E 32/44**

John fitz Nigel's roll. [The entries recorded on mm. 3-3d are printed in Turner, *Select Pleas*, pp. 129-31].

This roll has some information in common with E 32/45 below.



m. 1, [2 membranes stitched together end to end, blank on the dorse] A single plea of the vert [This entry appears in expanded form on m. 1 of E 32/45]; Enrolment of charters, 16 in total [selected from mm. 2-2d of E 32/45].

m. 1d, Blank.

m. 2, Pleas of venison in Huntingdonshire. A total of 6 entries recorded.

m. 2d, Pleas of venison in Huntingdonshire. A total of 2 entries recorded.

m. 3, Pleas relating to the warren of Cambridge, presented by 12 named individuals. A total of 10 entries recorded.

m. 3d, Pleas relating to the warren of Cambridge. A total of 6 entries recorded.

m. 4, Pleas of the vert in Huntingdonshire. A total of 32 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £11 11s 4d; Details of woodwards who have not been sworn in according to the Assize of the Forest. There are 4 entries listed under this heading.

m. 4d, Miscellaneous entries, 5 in total; Claims of the bishop of Ely in the forest; Metes and bounds of the forest.

m. 5, Claims of 18 separate individuals and institutions in the forest.

m. 5d, Entries relating to badly enclosed parks , 3 in total; Details of 152 oak trees given by the king in Weybridge and Sapley forests in the time of John Picard i.e. 4-14 Edward I (1275-6 to 1285-6); Details of 163 deer given by the king in the time of John Picard; Details of 125 deer taken for the king's own use in the time of John Picard; Information as to the claims of foresters; Details of woodwards who have not been sworn in according to the Assize of the Forest. There are 2 entries listed under this heading.

m. 6, Old wastes in the forest. There are 19 wastes listed, with payments amounting to £5 6s 8d.

m. 6d, Blank.

m. 7, Amercements for the possession of dogs in the forest. A total of 40 amerancements recorded, amounting to £44 4s.

m. 7d, Agistment for Weybridge and Sapley hays. There are entries for the period from the previous eyre to 13 Edward I (1284-5), with detailed

information for the years 49-56 Henry III (1264-5 to 1271-2) and 1-13 Edward I (1271-2 to 1284-5).

mm. 8-8d, Regard of the forests in Huntingdon. Names of 13 regarders. There is a list of 11 new assarts, 1 new purpresture, 10 old assarts, 1 old purpresture and 17 new wastes. 1 of the entries refers to 35 acres newly assarted by 37 separate individuals from the same village, Whittlesey.

## PLEA ROLL

E 32/45

John fitz Nigel's roll.

m. 1, Appearances. The names of 37 individuals are listed; Essoins. A total of 15 entries; A single plea of the vert.

m. 1d, Amercements for defaults, arranged on a hundred basis. A total of 99 amerancements recorded, amounting to £21 8s 10d.

mm. 2-3d, Enrolment of charters, 22 in total.

m. 4, Pleas of venison in Huntingdonshire. A total of 7 entries recorded, 2 of which deal with the burning of tracts of forest. There are also 2 entries detailing the failure of townships to attend inquisitions with full powers and 2 miscellaneous entries.

m. 4d, Pleas of venison. A total of 9 entries recorded.

m. 5, Pleas of venison. A total of 7 entries recorded; Pleas of venison in the time of John Picard. There is a single plea of venison listed under this heading, which continues onto an additional piece of parchment attached to the end of the membrane.

m. 5d, Pleas of venison in the time of John Picard. A total of 5 entries recorded. There are then 4 entries relating to the inhabitants of Little Stukeley.

m. 6, Pleas of venison in Huntingdonshire. A total of 4 entries recorded.

m. 6d, Pleas of venison. A total of 5 entries recorded. A further 2 have been struck through.

m. 7, Pleas of venison in Huntingdonshire. A total of 6 entries recorded.

m. 7d, Pleas of venison. A total of 12 entries recorded.

## PLEA ROLL

E 32/46

Roger Lestrangle's roll.

m. 1, Appearances [as m. 1 of E 32/45 above]; Essoins [as m. 1 of E 32/45 above]; Pleas of venison. A total of 3 pleas recorded [as m. 4 of E 32/45 above].

mm. 1d-3d, Pleas of venison. A total of 29 entries recorded [drawn from mm. 4-6d of E 32/45 above]. Also reproduces the 4 miscellaneous entries contained on m. 4 of E 32/45 above and the 4 entries relating to the inhabitants of Little Stukeley contained on m. 5d.

m. 4, Regard of the forests in Huntingdonshire. There is a list of 9 old assarts [drawn from m. 8 of E 32/44 above], 1 old purpresture [as m. 8d of E 32/44], 17 new wastes [as m. 8d of E 32/44] and 15 old wastes [drawn from m. 6 of E 32/44].

m. 4d, Regard of the forests in Huntingdon. There is a list of 3 old wastes [drawn from m. 6 of E 32/44].

mm. 5-5d, Pleas of venison in Huntingdonshire. A total of 12 entries recorded [drawn from mm. 6d-7d of E 32/45].

## PLEA ROLL FRAGMENT

E 32/47

This roll begins with the heading 'Further pleas of the venison in the county of Huntingdon', indicating that only some of the original membranes have survived [cf. E 32/44 above].

m. 1, Pleas of venison in Huntingdonshire. A total of 12 entries recorded.

m. 1d, There is a single further plea of venison; Pleas of the vert in Huntingdonshire. A total of approximately 36 entries recorded, 1 of which lists multiple offenders. There is no information as to amercements,

m. 2, There are 3 entries detailing the failure of woodwards to swear before the justices that they will uphold the forest law; Investigation into the claim of

the bishop of Ely to hold the wood of Somersham quit of the regard; There are 31 entries relating to the possession of dogs in the forest.

m. 2d, There are 7 entries relating to the possession of dogs in the forest; Agistment in Weybridge and Sapley hays for the years 47 Henry III - 13 Edward I (1262-3 to 1284-5), with payments amounting to £58 12s; Regard of the forests in Huntingdon. Names of 14 regards. There is a list of 11 new assarts and 1 new purpresture, with an entry detailing multiple offenders against the vert, all from the same township.

#### **PLEA ROLL FRAGMENT**

**E 32/43**

This 'roll' consists of a single rotulet

m. 1, Claims of the bishop of Ely in the forest; Metes and bounds of the forest. [see m. 4d of E 32/44 above]

m. 1d, Gives the heading 'Names of those appearing before the justices on the first day', but there is no further information.

#### **ACCOUNT**

E 372/135 [1290], Rot. 24 m. 1; E 372/136 [1291], Rot. 2 mm. 2-2d, Rot. 11 m. 2d, Rot. 14 m. 1d and Rot. 22 m. 1d; E 372/137 [1292], Rot. 5 m. 2d and Rot. 21 m. 2d; E 372/142 [1297], Rot. 2 m. 1d; E 372/146 [1301], Rot. 19 m. 2; E 372/149 [1304], Rot. 23 m. 2.

Some of the entries recorded on E 372/136 [1291] appear in the accounts for Buckinghamshire, Essex and Kent, while an entry recorded on E 372/137 [1292] appears in the account for Northamptonshire. Despite the delay in the recording of the payments the pipe rolls note that the entries are derived from the eyre of 14 Edward I (1286).

Total assessed revenue amounts to £255 18s ¾d.

#### **Northamptonshire eyre**

**2 December 1286**

Roger Lestrange, Peter de Lench and John fitz Nigel. The pipe roll names Roger Lestrange.

#### SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS

A letter of 15 October 1286 records the appointment of the justices in eyre for pleas of the forest in Northamptonshire (*CCR*, 1279-88, 436). The appointment of the justices is also recorded on the patent roll in an earlier letter of 28 July 1286 (*CPR*, 1281-92, 250) and referred to in another letter of c. July 1286 (SC 1/25, no. 105).

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

5 named individuals, Edmund, earl of Cornwall, Alexander de Sywell, Master Nicholas de Hougham, the abbot of Thorney and the dean of St. Mary's, Lincoln, are exempt from the common summons (*CCR*, 1279-88, 437).

Similarly, letters of 17 November 1286 note the exemption from the common summons of the master of the military order of the Temple in England and the abbot of Thorney (SC 1/25, nos. 46-7).

#### PLEA ROLL

E 32/76

John fitz Nigel's roll.

m. 1, Appearances. The names of 92 individuals are listed; Essoins. A total of 18 entries.

m. 1d, Amercements for defaults, arranged on a hundred basis. A total of 81 amerancements recorded, amounting to £61 11s 6d.

m. 2, Pleas of venison in Salcey forest. Names 2 foresters and 2 verderers responsible for presenting the pleas. A total of 7 entries recorded, 1 of which details a false indictment.

m. 2d, Pleas of the vert in Salcey forest. The majority of the entries on this membrane deal with the trespasses of forest officials. There are details of the offences committed by 4 walking foresters, and those who served under them. A final entry notes a case of false presentation. In addition 7 further

offences against the vert are listed, 2 of which name 12 and 6 men respectively; Details of the metes and bounds of Salcey forest.  
 mm. 3-5d, Enrolment of charters, 39 in total.  
 m. 6, Regard of Whittlewood and Salcey forests. Names of 12 regarders, with a list of 22 old assarts and 12 purprestures.  
 m. 6d, Regard of Whittlewood and Salcey forests. Details of 2 wastes.  
 m. 7, Regard of Whittlewood and Salcey forests. Details of 9 wastes and the theft of acorns in the closed season.  
 m. 7d, Regard of Whittlewood and Salcey forests. Details of 14 old wastes in Salcey, with a note that a wood has been seized into the king's hands. There is also information regarding a sheepfold or pasture belonging to the Knights Templar and a record of an inquisition. Details of 5 new and 10 old wastes in Whittlewood forest.  
 m. 8, Regard of Whittlewood and Salcey forests. Details of 7 old and 5 new wastes in Whittlewood forest. Details of wood sold after the creation of 2 clearings in the park of Hanley.  
 m. 8d, Blank.  
 m. 9, Pleas of venison in Rockingham forest. A total of 7 entries recorded.  
 m. 9d, Pleas of venison in Rockingham forest. A total of 2 entries recorded; Pleas of venison in Rockingham forest in the time of Richard de Holbrook. A total of 3 entries recorded.  
 m. 10, Pleas of venison in Rockingham forest in the time of Richard de Holbrook. A total of 8 entries recorded.  
 m. 10d, Pleas of venison in Rockingham forest in the time of Richard de Holbrook. A total of 9 entries recorded.  
 m. 11, Pleas of venison in Rockingham forest in the time of Richard de Holbrook. A total of 8 entries recorded.  
 m. 11d, Pleas of venison in Rockingham forest in the time of Richard de Holbrook. A total of 5 entries recorded. There are also 3 entries dealing with the failure to produce named individuals on the first day of proceedings.  
 m. 12, Pleas of venison in Rockingham forest in the time of Richard de Holbrook. A single entry recorded.

m. 12d, Pleas of venison in Rockingham forest in the time of Richard de Holbrook. A total of 4 entries recorded.

m. 13, Pleas of venison in Rockingham forest in the time of Richard de Holbrook. A total of 6 entries recorded.

m. 13d, Blank.

m. 14, Pleas of venison in Whittlewood forest. A total of 5 entries recorded; Pleas of venison in Whittlewood forest in the time of John de Tingewick. A total of 2 entries recorded.

m. 14d, Pleas of venison in Whittlewood forest in the time of John de Tingewick. A total of 8 entries recorded.

m. 15, Pleas of venison in Whittlewood forest in the time of John de Tingewick. A total of 6 entries recorded; Pleas of the vert in Whittlewood forest. A total of 10 entries recorded.

m. 15d, Blank.

m. 16, Pleas of venison in Cliffe forest. A total of 2 entries recorded; Pleas of venison in Cliffe forest in the time of Nicholas de Cogenhoe. A total of 9 entries recorded.

m. 16d, Pleas of venison in Cliffe forest in the time of Nicholas de Cogenhoe. A total of 2 entries recorded, together with 1 entry relating to the failure of a township to respond to the summons; Pleas of venison in Cliffe forest in the time of John de Crokesle. A total of 7 entries recorded.

m. 17, Pleas of venison in Cliffe forest in the time of John de Crokesle. A total of 14 entries recorded.

m. 17d, Pleas of venison in Cliffe forest in the time of John de Crokesle. A total of 12 entries recorded.

m. 18, Pleas of venison in Cliffe forest. A total of 2 entries recorded. Pleas of the vert in Cliffe forest. A total of 13 entries recorded.

m. 18d, Blank.

m. 19, Pleas of venison in Brigstock forest in the time of Nicholas de Cogenhoe. A total of 5 entries recorded; Pleas of venison in Brigstock forest in the time of John de Crokesle. A total of 5 entries recorded.

m. 19d, Pleas of venison in Brigstock forest in the time of John de Crokesle. A total of 9 entries recorded.

m. 20, Pleas of venison in Brigstock forest in the time of John de Crokesle. A total of 5 pleas recorded; Pleas of venison in Cliffe forest. A total of 3 entries recorded, the last of which is concluded on an additional piece of parchment attached to the bottom of the membrane. [There is also a schedule attached to the right hand edge of the membrane, but it is in very poor condition and impossible to read].

m. 20d, Pleas of venison in Cliffe and Brigstock forests. A total of 6 entries recorded, with 1 further entry relating to the failure to produce a named individual on the first day of proceedings.

## PLEA ROLL

### E 32/75

This is also identified as John fitz Nigel's roll.

m. 1, There is a schedule attached to the top edge of this membrane. It notes that copies of the rolls of the 2 previous eyres have been sent to Thomas de Braose and his fellows, justices in eyre for pleas of the forest 22 Edward III (1348). It is possible, therefore, that either this roll or E 32/76 is a copy; Appearances. The names of 80 individuals are listed [drawn from m. 1 of E 32/76]; Essoins [as m. 1 of E 32/76].

m. 1d, Amercements for defaults. A total of 80 amerancements [drawn from m. 1d of E 32/76].

m. 2, Pleas of venison in Salcey forest. [as m. 2 of E 32/76].

m. 2d, Pleas of the vert in Salcey forest [as m. 2d of E 32/76].

mm. 3-6d, Enrolment of charters, 39 in total [as mm. 3-5d of E 32/76].

mm. 7-9, Regard of Whittlewood and Salcey forests [as mm. 6-8 of E 32/76].

m. 9d, Blank.

m. 10, Pleas of venison in Rockingham forest. A total of 7 entries recorded [as m. 9 of E 32/76]. The final plea concludes on m. 10d below.



m. 10d, Pleas of venison in Rockingham forest. A total of 2 entries recorded [as m. 9d of E 32/76]; Pleas of venison in the time of Richard de Holbrook. A total of 3 entries recorded [as m. 9d of E 32/76].

mm. 11-13, Pleas of venison in Rockingham forest in the time of Richard de Holbrook. A total of 39 entries recorded. There are also 3 entries dealing with the failure to produce named individuals on the first day of proceedings [all of the entries contained on mm. 10-12d of E 32/76 are reproduced, although the order has been changed slightly].

m. 13d, Blank.

m. 14, Pleas of venison in Rockingham forest. A total of 6 entries recorded [as m. 13 of E 32/76].

m. 14d, Blank.

m. 15, Pleas of venison in Whittlewood forest. Pleas of venison in Whittlewood forest in the time of John de Tingewick [all entries as m. 14 of E 32/76].

m. 15d, Pleas of venison in Whittlewood forest in the time of John de Tingewick [as m. 14d of E 32/76].

m. 16, Pleas of venison in Whittlewood forest in the time of John de Tingewick; Pleas of the vert in Whittlewood forest [as m. 15 of E 32/76].

m. 16d, Blank.

m. 17, Pleas of venison in Cliffe forest; Pleas of venison in Cliffe forest in the time of Nicholas de Cogenhoe [as m. 16 of E 32/76 above].

m. 17d, Pleas of venison in Cliffe forest in the time of Nicholas de Cogenhoe; Pleas of venison in Cliffe forest in the time of John de Crokesle [as m. 16d of E 32/76].

mm. 18-18d, Pleas of venison in Cliffe forest in the time of John de Crokesle [as mm. 17-17d of E 32/76].

m. 19, Pleas of venison in Cliffe in the time of John de Crokesle; Pleas of the vert in Cliffe forest [all entries as m. 18 of E 32/76].

m. 19d, Blank.

m. 20, Pleas of venison in Brigstock forest in the time of Nicholas de Cogenhoe [as m. 19 of E 32/76]; Pleas of venison in Brigstock forest in the

time of John de Crokesle. A total of 7 entries recorded [drawn from mm. 19-19d of E 32/76].

m. 20d, Pleas of venison in Brigstock forest in the time of John de Crokesle. A total of 7 entries recorded [drawn from m. 19d of E 32/76].

m. 21, Pleas of venison in Brigstock forest in the time of John de Crokesle; Pleas of venison in Cliffe forest [as m. 20 of E 32/76].

m. 21d, Pleas of venison in Cliffe and Brigstock forests [as m. 20d of E 32/76].

## COPY ROLL

### E 32/77

The membranes which constitute this roll are stitched together end to end.

The dorse of m. 5 provides a brief, and inaccurate, description of contents.

m. 1, There are headings for appearances and essoins, but no information is given; Pleas of venison in Salcey forest. A total of 4 entries recorded [paraphrases of entries recorded on m. 2 of E 32/76]; Pleas of the vert. A total of 3 entries recorded [paraphrases of entries recorded on m. 2d of E 32/76]; Metes and bounds of Salcey forest [as m. 2d of E 32/76]; Name of an habitual offender against the venison [not included on E 32/76]; Enrolment of charters, 15 in total [abbreviated versions of charters contained on mm. 3-5 of E 32/76]. m. 2, Enrolment of charters, 2 in total [abbreviated versions of charters contained on m. 5 of E 32/76]; Regard of Whittlewood and Salcey forests. Name of 1 regarder. There is a list of 17 old assarts and 8 purprestures [all of which are drawn from m. 6 of E 32/76]. There are also 2 entries dealing with the metes and bounds of Whittlewood forest [these do not appear to have been drawn from E 32/76].

m. 3, Regard of Whittlewood and Salcey forests. There is a list of 20 wastes [drawn from mm. 6d-7d of E 32/76]. Paraphrase of the inquisition contained on m. 7d above. Details of 9 new wastes in Whittlewood forest [drawn from mm. 7d-8 of E 32/76] and 16 old wastes [drawn from mm. 7d-8 of E 32/76]. Details of wood sold after the creation of 2 clearings in the park of Hanley [as m. 8 of E 32/76]; Pleas of venison in Rockingham forest. A total of 8 entries

recorded [drawn from mm. 9-9d of E 32/76]; Pleas of venison in Rockingham forest in the time of Richard de Holbrook. A total of 5 entries recorded [drawn from mm. 9d and 11 of E 32/76].

m. 4, Pleas of venison in Rockingham forest in the time of Richard de Holbrook. A total of 17 entries recorded [drawn from mm. 10-13 of E 32/76]. Pleas of venison in Whittlewood forest. A total of 3 entries recorded [drawn from m. 14 of E 32/76]; Pleas of venison in Whittlewood forest in the time of John de Tingewick. A total of 6 entries recorded [drawn from mm. 14d-15 of E 32/76]. Pleas of the vert in Whittlewood forest. A single plea is recorded under this heading [drawn from m. 15 of E 32/76]; Pleas of venison in Cliffe forest. A single plea is recorded under this heading [drawn from m. 16 of E 32/76].

m. 5, Pleas of venison in Cliffe forest. A single plea is recorded under this heading [drawn from m. 16 of E 32/76]; Pleas of venison in Cliffe forest in the time of Nicholas de Cogenhoe. A total of 7 entries recorded [drawn from mm. 16-16d of E 32/76]; Pleas of venison in Cliffe forest in the time of John de Crokesle. A total of 6 entries recorded [drawn from mm. 16d and 17d-18 of E 32/76]; Pleas of the vert in Cliffe forest. A total of 2 entries recorded [drawn from m. 18 of E 32/76]; Pleas of venison in Brigstock forest. A total of 7 entries recorded [drawn from mm. 19-20d E 32/76].

## ACCOUNT

E 372/133 [1288], Rot. 19 m. 2d; E 372/134 [1289], Rot. 21 mm. 1d-2d; E 372/135 [1290], Rot. 3 m. 1d; E 372/136 [1291], Rot. 4 m. 1, Rot. 4 m. 2d and Rot. 5 m. 2d; E 372/137 [1292], Rot. 6 m. 2d; E 372/138 [1293], Rot. 21 m. 2d; E 372/139 [1294], Rot. 13 mm. 1d-2d; E 372/140 [1295], Rot. 2 m. 1d. Total assessed revenue amounts to £387 18s 8d.

## Lancashire eyre

1286

The pipe roll names Roger de Clifford. [This eyre is noted in *V.C.H. Lancashire*, ii, p. 442].

## ACCOUNT

E 372/131 [1286], Rot. 20 m. 2d.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £43 3s 6d

## Nottinghamshire eyre

**Nottingham, 14 January 1287**

William de Vescy, Thomas de Normanville and Richard de Creeping. The pipe roll names William de Vescy.

## SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS

A letter of 18 October 1286 records the appointment of the justices in eyre for pleas of the forest in Nottinghamshire (*CCR*, 1279-88, 436). The appointment of the justices is also recorded on the patent roll in a letter of 20 October 1286 (*CPR*, 1281-92, 252).

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A letter, probably dating from November 1286, notes a request for exemption from the common summons (SC 1/29, no. 55). A letter of 11 February 1287 orders the justices not to molest the bishop of Norwich for offences against the venison (*CCR*, 1279-88, 443). There is also a pardon of an amercement levied at the eyre (*CCR*, 1288-96, 92).

## PLEA ROLL

E 32/127

[Some of the entries recorded on mm. 3, 5d and 10d are printed in Turner, *Select Pleas*, pp. 61-4. Turner also reproduces the names of foresters and verderers recorded on m. 1 but does not give a membrane reference (*ibid.*, p. 61). A brief summary of the information contained on this roll appears in *V.C.H. Derbyshire*, i, pp. 401-3 and Boulton, p. 109. See also Crook, 'The struggle over forest boundaries in Nottinghamshire', 40].

William de Vescy's roll.

m. 1, Names of 6 verderers and 17 foresters responsible for presenting the pleas of venison. Pleas of venison. A total of 18 entries recorded, listing 27 separate pleas.

m. 1d, Pleas of venison. A total of 26 entries recorded, listing 29 separate pleas.

m. 2, Pleas of venison. A total of 25 entries recorded, listing 28 separate pleas.

m. 2d, Pleas of venison. A total of 18 entries recorded, listing 22 separate pleas.

m. 3, Pleas of venison. A total of 21 entries recorded.

m. 3d, Pleas of venison. A total of 22 entries recorded, listing 24 separate pleas.

m. 4, Pleas of venison. A total of 25 entries recorded, listing 26 separate pleas.

m. 4d, Pleas of venison. A total of 22 entries recorded, listing 23 separate pleas.

m. 5, Pleas of venison. A total of 17 entries recorded, listing 26 separate pleas.

m. 5d, Pleas of venison. A total of 12 entries recorded, listing 13 separate pleas; There is then an entry referring to the alleged falsification of records by a forester; Gifts of venison granted by Henry III and Edward I. A total of 86 beasts granted by Henry and 105 by Edward; Note that in 14 Edward I (1285-6) 350 beasts died of murrain.

m. 6, Pleas of venison. A total of 3 entries recorded, listing 7 separate pleas; There is also a record, in 2 parts, of an inquiry into the state of the hay of Beskwood, outlining the offences committed by those responsible for its maintenance.

m. 6d, Pleas of the vert 15-16 Edward I (1286-7 to 1287-8). A total of 21 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £2 2s 9d; Profits from forfeitures in the counties of Nottingham, Yorkshire and Essex. There are 13, 2 and 1 entries respectively, with payments amounting to £17 4d in total. A

further entry has been struck through; There are then 4 miscellaneous ameracements, amounting to £18 6s 8d.

m. 7, Pleas of the vert. A total of 118 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £13 4s. A further entry has been struck through.

m. 7d, Pleas of the vert. A total of 111 entries recorded, 1 of which has been partially cancelled because pardoned. Payments amount to £6 15s.

m. 8, Pleas of the vert. A total of 119 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £5 14s 8d.

m. 8d, Pleas of the vert. A total of 116 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £12 19s 8d.

m. 9, Pleas of the vert. A total of 126 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £7 8s 8d.

m. 9d, Pleas of the vert. A total of 105 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £3 13s. A further 4 entries have been struck through.

m. 10, Pleas of the vert. A total of 96 entries recorded, 1 of which has been partially cancelled because the offender is dead. Payments amount to £4 10s 4d.

m. 10d, Pleas of the vert in Beskwood in the time of Nigel de Redewall and Richard Jorz. A total of 33 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £1 3s 8d; There is then an entry detailing the procedure that should be followed by the foresters and verderers. The verderers, for example, should preside over the attachment court every 40 days and present their findings to the justices in a single roll rather than a roll for each bailiwick; Details of trees granted by Henry III and Edward I. A total of 300 oaks granted by Henry III and 359 by Edward I; Names of 7 verderers in the forest of Sherwood; Names of 18 agisters in the forest of Sherwood. The names of 2 additional agisters have been struck through.

m. 11, Information relating to the extraction of wood from the forest [effectively miscellaneous pleas of the vert]. A total of 89 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £31 14s 10d.

m. 11d, Agistment for the Nottinghamshire hays and the park of Clipston, 48 Henry III - 15 Edward I (1263-4 to 1286-7). Payments for herbage during this period are included for Beskwood.

m. 12, Payments relating to farm animals captured in the demesne hays. There are entries for Billhay and Birkland for the years 47 Henry III - 15 Edward I (1262-3 to 1286-7). A total of 69 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £3 6s. In addition the executors of Geoffrey de Neville owe £5 for the escape of farm animals into the forest.

m. 12d, Payments relating to farm animals captured in the demesne hays. The entries for Beskwood on this membrane follow a slightly different format to those for Billhay and Birkland. There are 17 entries for the period in office of Nigel de Redewell, with payments amounting to 17s. His executors owe the sum of £3 15s 4½d for the value of the captured animals. Similarly there are 39 entries for the period in office of Richard de Jorz and William de Colwick, with payments amounting to £1 19s; There are then 8 entries for the escape of farm animals into the forest, with payments amounting to 7s; 2 foresters are amerced [4s] for allowing escaped animals to graze in the hays; 17 entries relating to the degradation of the pasture by the custodian of the hay of Beskwood have been struck through; A final entry details the taking of a chicken and a bullock by Richard, constable of Nottingham castle.

m 13, Regard of Broxtow. Names of 12 regards. There is a list of 6 assarts and purprestures which have not been arrented, 13 arrented purprestures and 9 wastes. There is also a note that the pasture of the hay of Beskwood has been degraded as a result of over-grazing. 2 amercements, amounting to 3s 4d, are levied for the creation of marl pits. A further 10 amercements are levied for hedges and ditches raised contrary to the Assize of the Forest. Payments amount to £3 6s 8d.

m. 13d, Regard of Bassetlaw. Names of 12 regards. There is a list of 10 miscellaneous entries [assarts, purprestures, the digging of turf] and 5 wastes. 3 amercements, amounting to 13s 4d, are levied for hedges and ditches raised contrary to the Assize of the Forest; There are then 12 entries relating to trees cut down since the last eyre, 6 from Bassetlaw, 5 from

Broxtow and 1 from outside the demesne; Details of an inquiry into the claim of the abbot of Welbeck to have woodland outside the regard.

m. 14, Regard of Thurgarton. Names of 12 regards. There is a list of 9 old assarts outside the demesne, 4 new purprestures and 26 old wastes. 12 amercements, amounting to £5 10s, are levied for hedges and ditches raised contrary to the Assize of the Forest.

m. 14d, Entry relating to a conflict of jurisdiction. The archbishop of York had dealt with an offence against the vert in his court; Responses to articles posed by the verderers and 12 burgesses of Nottingham. They have provided information as to who received the profits of expeditation, cheminage, pannage and so on; There are 22 entries relating to the value of the vert, whether the price for captured animals or the price of a tree cut down by a malefactor. Payments amount to £35 18s ½d.

mm. 15-15d, Names of those indicted for offences in the forest, together with those of their mainpernors. There is a total of 114 entries, listing 679 mainpernors.

m. 16, Names of those indicted for offences in the forest. There is a total of 63 entries, listing 342 mainpernors. The last 8 entries differ slightly in format, but are still essentially the same; Enrolment of a charter in favour of the archbishop of York.

m. 16d, Enrolment of charters, 4 in total; Details of investigations into 2 claims.

m. 17, List of attorneys. A total of 7 entries recorded; Appearances. The names of 69 individuals are recorded; List of those failing to appear on the first day of proceedings, with details of their payments for defaults. A total of 16 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £11 16s 8d.

m. 17d, There is a single entry written upside down at the top of this membrane. It records the name of an individual found to have hunted hares and wolves in the forest without warrant; Names of mainpernors acting as pledges for the future good behaviour of offenders against the venison. A total of 27 entries recorded.



mm. 18-18d, Essoins. A total of 400 entries. [The entries on m. 18d are written from bottom to top]

mm. 19-19d, Enrolment of charters, 20 in total.

## ACCOUNT

E 372/133 [1288], Rot. 19 m. 2d; E 372/134 [1289], Rot. 4 m. 2, Rot. 14 m. 2, Rot. 14 m. 2d and Rot. 29 mm. 1d-2d; E 372/135 [1290], Rot. 5 m. 1d, Rot. 11 m. 2d and Rot. 21 m. 2d; E 372/136 [1291], Rot. 11 m. 2d, Rot. 14 m. 1d, Rot. 20 m. 2d, Rot. 22 m. 2d and Rot. 25 m. 2d; E 372/137 [1292], Rot. 2 m. 2d, Rot. 3 m. 2d and Rot. 17 m. 2.

The entries recorded on E 372/133 [1288] appear in the account for Northamptonshire, some of the entries on E 372/134 [1289] appear in the accounts for Rutland, Norfolk and Lancashire, some of those on E 372/135 [1290] appear in the accounts for Yorkshire and Buckinghamshire, those on E 372/136 [1291] appear in the accounts for Buckinghamshire, Essex, Norfolk, Kent and Lincolnshire and, finally, some of the entries on E 372/137 [1292] appear in the accounts for Essex and Sussex. Some of the entries on E 372/134 [1289] are payments for assarts. It was particularly difficult to trace the payments related to this eyre because some of the entries have been drawn from a schedule attached to William de Vescy's roll. This recorded amercements levied on barons in the forests of Sherwood, Galtres and Lancaster. It is for this reason that payments are noted in so many different counties. It also helps to account for the size of the assessed revenue. Total assessed revenue amounts to £1115 1s 4½d.

## **Lancashire eyre**

### **Lancaster, 21 April 1287**

William de Vescy, Thomas de Normanville and Richard de Creeping. The pipe roll names William de Vescy.

## SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS

Letters of 18 and 20 October 1286 record the appointment of the justices in eyre for pleas of the forest in Lancashire (*CPR*, 1281-92, 252 and *CCR*, 1279-88, 436). It is also noted that Roger Brabazon and William Wyther were appointed justices in eyre at the request of Edmund, earl of Lancaster, for the period during which he was in possession of the forest of Lancashire (*CPR*, 1281-92, 263 and *CCR*, 1279-88, 72).

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A letter of 8 February 1287 arranges for a regard to be held before the coming of the justices (*CCR*, 1279-88, 472). There is also a pardon of an amercement levied at the eyre (*CCR*, 1288-96, 20).

#### PLEA ROLL

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m. 1, Names of 3 foresters, 4 verderers and 24 jurors; Pleas of venison, arranged by year. A total of 19 entries recorded, 11 from 47 Henry III (1262-3), 7 from 48 Henry III (1263-4) and 1 from 49 Henry III (1264-5). 1 of the entries records 2 separate offences by the same individual.

m. 1d, Pleas of venison. A total of 20 entries recorded, 4 from 49 Henry III (1264-5), 6 from 50 Henry III (1265-6) and 10 from 51 Henry III (1266-7).

[This membrane is very dirty and difficult to read].

m. 2, Information regarding the transgressions of forest officials. A total of 19 entries recorded, 5 of which note the failure of foresters and verderers to produce their rolls. Most of the remaining entries deal with the withholding of revenue; Claim of the free tenants within the forest of Lancashire.

m. 2d, Blank.

mm, 3-3d, Enrolment of charters, 11 in total.

m. 4, Amercements for defaults, specifically for failing to attend the first day of proceedings. A total of 89 amercements recorded, amounting to £108 3s 4d.

m. 4d, List of mainpernors. A total of 49 entries recorded, with 238 mainpernors.

## ACCOUNT

E 372/133 [1288], Rot. 22 m. 2; E 372/135 [1290], Rot. 25 m. 2.

The entry recorded on E 372/135 [1290] may already have been counted in the Nottinghamshire account for the same year. Difficulties arise because certain Lancashire amercements have been recorded in a schedule attached to the Nottinghamshire eyre roll for 15 Edward I (1286-7) [see Nottinghamshire].

Total assessed revenue amounts to £141 11s 4d.

## **Buckinghamshire eyre**

**Buckingham, 27 April 1287**

Roger Lestrangle, Peter de Lench and John fitz Nigel. The pipe roll names Roger Lestrangle.

## SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS

A letter of 12 February 1287 records the appointment of the justices in eyre for pleas of the forest in Buckinghamshire (*CCR*, 1279-88, 471).

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A letter of 10 May 1287 orders the justices not to molest Stephen le Whyte for an offence against the venison (*CCR*, 1279-88, 449).

## ACCOUNT

E 372/133 [1288], Rot. 27 m. 2d.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £155 13s 5½d.

## **Yorkshire eyre**

**York, 16 May 1287**

William de Vescy, Thomas de Normanville and Richard de Creeping. The pipe roll names William de Vescy.

## SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS

Writ of summons, dating from 4 April 1287, for an eyre in the forests of Yorkshire (*CCR*, 1279-88, 429).

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The close rolls record a number of pardons relating to this eyre (*CCR*, 1288-96, 70, 92, 160, 372).

## ACCOUNT

E 372/132 [1287], Rot. 4 mm. 1d-2d and Rot. 5 m. 2d; E 372/133 [1288], Rot. 3 m. 2 and Rot. 4 m. 1d; E 372/134 [1289], Rot. 9 m. 2d, Rot. 11 m. 2 and Rot. 26 m. 1d; E 372/135 [1290], Rot. 5 m. 1d, Rot. 7 m. 1d and Rot. 25 m. 2; E 372/136 [1291], Rot. 22 m. 2d; E 372/137 [1292], Rot. 25 m. 1d; E 372/140 [1295], Rot. 1 m. 2d.

Some of the entries recorded on E 372/134 [1289] appear in the accounts for Lincolnshire and Worcestershire, while some of those on E 372/135 [1290] appear in the account for Lancashire. Some of the entries recorded on E 372/132 [1287] are payments for assarts.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £942 2s 1½d.

## **Rutland eyre**

**Oakham, 25 June 1288**

Roger Lestrangle, Peter de Lench and John fitz Nigel. The pipe roll names Roger Lestrangle.

## SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS

Writ of summons, dated 1 May 1288, for an eyre in the forests of Rutland (*CCR*, 1279-88, 538).

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A letter, probably dating from 1288, records a request for Geoffrey de Hauville to be exempt from the common summons (SC 1/10, no. 134). Subsequently a pardon in favour of Geoffrey de Hauville is recorded on the close roll (CCR, 1288-96, 154).

## ESTREAT ROLL

E 101/119/19

This roll is so detailed as to almost constitute a plea roll.

The membranes are sewn together end to end.

m. 1, Fines, redemptions and amercements levied during the eyre of Roger Lestrangle and his associates 16 Edward I (1287-8). Amercements for defaults. A total of 25 amercements recorded in the hundreds of Wrangdike and Martinsley, amounting to £2 14s; Amercements for offences against the vert. A total of 17 amercements recorded, amounting to £1 10s 10d;

Payments relating to the sale of wood from clearings. A total of 5 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £12 13s 8d; Amercements levied on townships for failure to attend inquisitions with full powers. A total of 24 amercements recorded, amounting to £12 15s.

m. 2, Amercements levied on townships for failure to attend inquisitions with full powers. A total of 11 amercements recorded, with payments amounting to £4 10s; Regard in the forest of Rutland. There is a list of 8 old assarts, 1 new assart and 8 old wastes or payments for the return of woods, with payments amounting to £3 6s ¼d, £1 4s and £3 16s 8d respectively; Fines paid by those guilty of offences against the venison. A total of 28 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £26 6s 4d.

m. 3, Fines paid by those guilty of offences against the venison. A total of 36 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £74 3s 4d; Agistment in the forest of Rutland 56 Henry III (1271-2), amounting to £3 18s.

m. 4, Agistment in the forest of Rutland for the years 4, 6 and 9 Edward I (1275-6, 1277-8 and 1280-1), amounting to £16 13s 2½d; Amercements for the possession of dogs in the forest. A total of 6 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £15.

## ACCOUNT

E 372/134 [1289], Rot. 4 m. 2 and Rot. 9 m. 2d; E 372/135 [1290], Rot. 10 mm. 1d-2d; E 372/136 [1291], Rot. 8 m. 2d; E 372/138 [1293], Rot. 4 m. 2d. Some of the entries recorded on E 372/134 [1289] appear in the account for Lincolnshire, while all those recorded on E 372/135 [1290] appear in the account for Warwickshire and Leicestershire. Total assessed revenue amounts to £145 12s 2d.

The 1292 eyre was not part of a more general visitation.

## Essex eyre

### Chelmsford, 13 October 1292

Roger Lestrangle, Simon de Ellesworth and John de Crokesle. The pipe roll names Roger Lestrangle.

## SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS

Writ of summons, dated 28 August 1292, for an eyre in the forests of Essex (*CCR*, 1288-96, 27). The appointment of the justices is also recorded on the patent roll in a letter of the same date (*CPR*, 1281-92, 506). There is an earlier writ of summons, dated 12 September 1288, for an eyre to be held at Chelmsford on 9 May 1289 before Roger Lestrangle, Peter de Lench and John fitz Nigel (*CCR*, 1279-88, 548). There is, however, no evidence that this eyre actually took place.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

In a letter dating from 1292-3 Robert fitz Walter requests a writ to warrant his parks before the justices in eyre (SC 1/30, no. 70). A single named individual, William de Valence, is exempt from the common summons (*CCR*, 1288-96, 308).

16 named individuals, Reginald de Grey, the abbot of St. Edmund's, John Engaine, the elder, Dionisia de Montchensy, Richard de Chigwell, the master of the military order of the Temple in England, the abbot of Westminster, the prioress of Clerkenwell, Edmund, earl of Cornwall, Richard fitz John, the abbot of Battle, the prior of Christchurch, Canterbury, the abbot of Barking, William de Valence, Master William de Montfort, dean of St. Paul's, London and Robert de Brus, are exempt from the common summons for the earlier, abortive eyre (*CCR, 1279-88*, 549-550 and *CCR, 1288-96*, 56). Similarly a letter dating from early October 1288 notes a request by Richard fitz John for exemption from the common summons for this eyre (*SC 1/30*, no. 67).

## PLEA ROLL

### E 32/14

Simon de Ellesworth's roll.

m. 1, Appearances. The names of 103 individuals are recorded; Essoins. A total of 29 entries; Names of taverners selling wine in Chelmsford contrary to the Assize. A total of 5 names listed, with amercements amounting to £1 13s 4d; Enrolment of the pardon of John de Shottisham, a monk of St. Edmund's, indicted for an offence against the venison; List of mainpernors. A total of 7 entries recorded, with 61 mainpernors. Payments amount to £16 6s 8d. [The pardon and list of mainpernors are written on an additional piece of parchment attached to the bottom of the membrane]. A schedule attached to the left hand edge of the membrane contains details of a claim of the inhabitants of the forest.

m. 1d, List of mainpernors. A total of 6 entries recorded, with 58 mainpernors; A further entry records an amercement of £100 levied on a verderer for the illegal erasure of a roll; 6 entries detailing fines for writs, with payments amounting to £4 6s 8d; A note that the names of further mainpernors can be found in the pleas of venison for Ongar; Names of those selling meat contrary to the Assize. A total of 2 names listed with amercements amounting to 6s 8d; Names of forestallers in Chelmsford. A total of 9 names listed, with amercements amounting to £3; List of men exacted in the course of the eyre.

Only 25 entries are visible on this membrane, but a total of approximately 56 can be supplied from m. 1 of E 32/13.

m. 2, [All of the membranes from this point onwards have been sewn together back to front]. Pleas of venison in the regard [*sic*] of Colchester. Names of 2 foresters and 2 verderers responsible for presenting the pleas. A total of 6 entries recorded, 1 of which provides details of a jurisdictional argument. The burgesses of Colchester refused to allow certain villages to attend an inquisition of venison on the grounds that they were within the bounds of the borough.

m. 2d, Pleas of venison in the regard of Colchester. A total of 5 entries recorded, 1 of which names a number of habitual offenders.

m. 3, Pleas of venison in the regard of Colchester. A total of 5 entries recorded, the last of which concludes on the dorse of the membrane. Many of these entries are no longer single pleas, but lists of habitual offenders or details of offences involving the same personnel. For example, the longest of the entries records the activities of a loosely connected group of 38 malefactors.

m. 3d, Pleas of venison in the regard of Colchester. The final entry from m. 3 is concluded, and there are 2 further entries; Pleas of venison in the park of Lenham. There is a single entry listed under this heading.

m. 4, Pleas of venison in the regard of Colchester. A total of 7 entries recorded.

m. 4d, Pleas of venison in the regard of Colchester. A total of 8 entries recorded, 1 of which simply notes the names of mainpernors.

m. 5, Pleas of venison in the regard of Colchester, specifically in Wanstaple and Thurstable. A total of 5 entries recorded. There is also an entry listing 36 townships amerced for failure to attend inquisitions with full powers.

m. 5d, Pleas of venison in the regard of Colchester, specifically in Wanstaple and Thurstable. A total of 5 entries recorded.

m. 6, Pleas of venison in the regard of Colchester, specifically in Witham hundred. A total of 7 pleas recorded.



m. 6d, Details of parks illegally enclosed, 4 in total; There are then 2 entries outlining the refusal of the Hospitallers to ensure that their woodwards abide by forest regulations.

m. 7, Pleas of venison in the regard of Ongar and Waltham. Names of 2 verderers and 2 foresters responsible for presenting the pleas. A total of 5 entries recorded.

m. 7d, Pleas of venison in the regard of Ongar and Waltham. A total of 5 entries recorded, 3 of which involve some of the same personnel; Pleas of venison in the park of Epping and Hatfield. There is a single plea recorded under this heading.

m. 8, Pleas of venison in the regard of Ongar and Waltham. A total of 5 entries recorded, 1 of which details the activities of a group of 23 malefactors. There are also 2 entries noting gifts of venison.

m. 8d, Pleas of venison in the regard of Ongar and Waltham, specifically in the half hundred of Harlow. Names the 4 individuals responsible for presenting the pleas [1 woodward, 1 verderer and 2 foresters]. A total of 8 entries recorded. There are also 3 miscellaneous entries: 1 notes the theft of rolls from a forester by another, 1 deals with the augmentation of a park and 1 notes the failure of townships to attend inquisitions with full powers.

m. 9, Pleas of venison in the regard of Ongar and Waltham, specifically in the half hundred of Harlow. There is a single plea listed under this heading; Pleas of venison in Dunmow hundred. A total of 4 entries recorded. There are also 2 miscellaneous entries; 1 notes the failure of 2 verderers to present their rolls while the other deals with the failure of townships to attend inquisitions with full powers. There are 2 entries recorded under the sub heading '[Information] about parks and forests', 1 of which deals with offences in the park of Earl Warenne at Rayne and the forests of Essex in general, the other with offences in the forests and parks of Essex, but particularly the park of Writtle.

m. 9d, Names of those possessing dogs in the forest in the regard of Colchester. A total of 18 entries recorded, with amercements amounting to £12 10s; Names of those possessing dogs in the forest in the regard of Ongar. A total of 11 entries recorded, with amercements amounting to £12;

Names of those possessing dogs in the forest in the regard of Chelmsford. A total of 17 entries recorded, with amercements amounting to £34 13s 4d.

m. 10, Pleas of venison in Ongar and Waltham. Names of 2 verderers responsible for presenting the pleas. A total of 6 entries recorded, 1 of which records the activities of 3 men over the period 14-16 Edward I (1285-6 to 1287-8); There is also an entry giving the names of habitual offenders in the parks of John Engaine and the Earl Marshal.

m. 10d, Pleas of venison in Ongar and Waltham. A total of 2 entries recorded.

m. 11, Pleas of venison in Chafford and Barstable hundreds. Names of 5 verderers responsible for presenting the pleas. A total of 6 entries recorded, with 2 further entries relating to the failure of townships to attend inquisitions with full powers.

m. 11d, Pleas of venison in Chafford and Barstable hundreds. There is a single plea of venison listed under this heading; Pleas of venison in Becontree hundred. Names of 2 verderers, and the heir of a third, responsible for presenting the pleas. A total of 4 entries recorded.

m. 12, Pleas of venison in Chelmsford and Dengie hundreds. Names of 5 verderers responsible for presenting the pleas, and of a sixth who failed to perform his duties. A total of 5 entries recorded. A sixth entry has been cancelled because it appears on a subsequent membrane. There is also an entry relating to the failure of townships to attend inquisitions with full powers.

m. 12d, Pleas of venison in Chelmsford and Dengie hundreds. A total of 8 entries recorded; There are also 3 shorter entries, 2 of which detail payments for pigs in the forest and for surety. The third entry notes that further offences have been recorded on another part of the roll.

m. 13, Pleas of venison in Chelmsford and Dengie hundreds. A total of 2 entries recorded. There is also an entry relating to the failure of townships to attend inquisitions with full powers.

m. 13d, Blank.

m. 14, Pleas of the vert in Kingswood in Lexden hundred. A total of 38 entries recorded, amounting to £7 2s 4d. 1 of the entries details the seizure of a park into the king's hands, with profits of £2 9s 5d; Pleas of the vert in Winstree

and Thurstable hundreds. A total of 13 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £2 3s 4d.

m. 14d, Pleas of the vert in Winstree and Thurstable hundreds. A total of 34 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £6 14s 10d.

m. 15, Pleas of the vert in Winstree and Thurstable hundreds. A total of 3 entries recorded, with payments amounting to 14s 4d; Pleas of the vert in Witham hundred. A total of 51 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £7 12s 4d.

m. 15d, Pleas of the vert in Harlow hundred. A total of 20 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £2 9s; Pleas of the vert in Dunmow hundred. A total of 21 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £3 15s; Pleas of the vert in Waltham hundred. A total of 16 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £3 12s.

m. 16, Pleas of the vert in Ongar hundred. A total of 51 entries recorded, with payments amounting to approximately £11 8s 4d. 1 of the entries details the seizure of a park into the king's hands, with profits of £1 4s 2d.

m. 16d, Pleas of the vert in Barstable and Chafford hundreds. A total of 27 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £3 17s 2d; Pleas of the vert in Becontree hundred. A total of 13 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £8 13s 6d.

m. 17, Pleas of the vert in Becontree hundred. A total of 9 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £1 5s; Pleas of the vert in Chelmsford hundred. A total of 50 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £6 7s 10d.

m. 17d, Pleas of the vert in Chelmsford hundred. A total of 25 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £5 3s 8d. There are also 3 entries relating to the seizure of parks into the king's hands, with payments amounting to £3 6s 8d.

m. 18, Regard of Colchester. Names of 12 regards, with amercements of £4 6s 8d. There is a list of 79 old purprestures.

m. 18d, Regard of Colchester. There is a list of 49 old purprestures, 3 new purprestures and 18 old assarts.

- m. 19, Regard of Colchester. There is a list of 74 old assarts, 4 new purprestures and 2 old purprestures.
- m. 19d, Regard of Colchester. There is a list of 4 old assarts, 1 new purpresture and 12 new wastes.
- m. 20, Regard of Colchester. There is a list of 25 old wastes and 6 new wastes. Agistment of Kingswood. There are entries for the years 5-6 Edward I (1276-7 to 1277-8). There is also an entry outlining the payments of John le Breton and his tenants at Boxted for pigs in the forest 6, 8, 17, 19 and 20 Edward I (1277-8, 1279-80, 1288-9 and 1290-1 to 1291-2).
- m. 20d, Regard of Colchester. Agistment of Kingswood. There are entries for the years 7-20 Edward I (1278-9 to 1291-2). 4 of the agisters failed to produce rolls, and receipts for 9 Edward I (1280-1) were concealed.
- m. 21, Regard of Ongar. Names of 12 regards, with amercements of £3 3s 4d. There is a list of 69 old assarts.
- m. 21d, Regard of Ongar. There is a list of 69 old assarts, 2 new purprestures and 2 old purprestures.
- m. 22, Regard of Ongar. There is a list of 72 old assarts and 12 old purprestures.
- m. 22d, Regard of Ongar. There is a list of 59 old purprestures and 18 old assarts.
- m. 23, Regard of Ongar. There is a list of 11 new purprestures, 1 new assart, 9 new wastes and 8 old wastes.
- m. 23d, Regard of Chelmsford. Names of 11 regards, with amercements of £4 3s 4d. There is a list of 1 old assart and 21 new purprestures.
- m. 24, Regard of Ongar. There is a list of 21 old assarts. Details of inquiries into the status of the woods of the abbess of Barking, together with the enrolment of a charter placing certain of them outside the regard. [It would appear that mm. 24 and 25 have been sewn together in the wrong order]
- m. 24d, Regard of Ongar. Further information as to the rights of the abbess of Barking in the forest, in this case the sale of wood. A second charter is enrolled, and information is provided regarding a forester amerced for

attaching the abbess and her servants when they were not in fact acting illegally.

m. 25, Regard of Chelmsford. There is a list of 3 new purprestures, 1 new assart and 37 old assarts .

m. 25d, Regard of Chelmsford. There is a list of 8 old wastes, 4 new wastes and 44 old purprestures.

m. 26, Regard of Chelmsford. There is a list of 69 old purprestures.

m. 26d, Regard of Chelmsford. There is a list of 66 old purprestures and 2 new wastes.

m. 27, Regard of Chelmsford. A charter is presented to prove a claim that the wood of Maldon should be exempt from the regard, pleas of the forest and laws relating to waste. There is a list of 8 entries relating to new parks and 8 to old.

m. 27d, Regard of Chelmsford. There is a list of 17 entries relating to parks, old and new.

m. 28, Regard of Chelmsford. There is a list of 9 entries relating to parks, old and new. [This membrane is considerably shorter than the others which constitute the roll].

m. 28d, Regard of Chelmsford. There are 2 entries, the first of which notes a new purpresture, while the second details the waste and subsequent assarting and enclosure of a wood.

m. 29, Cases of illegal entry into the parks of Essex. The membrane begins with a letter to Roger Lestrangle and his fellows, instructing them as to how they should proceed when dealing with the numerous individuals arrested for offences in the parks and forests of Essex [The letter is dated 24 October 1292 at Berwick upon Tweed]. A total of 14 entries recorded.

m. 29d, There are 2 entries relating to men indicted for offences in the parks of Chignall Tany and Havering, but subsequently cleared by jury; Names of 32 jurors in the parks of Essex.

m. 30, Amercements for defaults, specifically the failure to appear on the first day of proceedings, arranged on a hundred basis. A total of 93 amerancements recorded, amounting to £76 9s 8d. 1 of the entries records confusion over the

duty of attendance of the inhabitants of Maldon. There is an additional note that the abbess of Caen in Felsted has sent an attorney in her place as she is abroad; 6 names are written at the bottom of this membrane, but there is no indication as to the nature of any offence.

m. 30d, Amercements for defaults. A total of 41 amerancements recorded, amounting to £11 18s 4d; Details of an inquiry into the claim of Matilda de Dagworth [Letter dated 14 November 1292 at Westminster].

m. 31, Private woods within the forests of Essex. A total of 36 entries, listing 55 woods and 3 groves. In most cases it is noted that woodwards have not been sworn in.

m. 31d, Private groves within the regard of Colchester. A total of 40 entries, listing 55 groves and 4 woods.

m. 32, Private groves. A total of 45 entries, listing 70 groves.

m. 32d, Private groves and woods. A total of 23 entries, listing 27 groves and 1 wood.

m. 33, Information relating to the possession of dogs in the forest in the regard of Colchester. A total of 18 entries recorded, with amerancements amounting to £17 16s 8d; Information relating to the possession of dogs in the forest in the regard of Ongar. A total of 12 entries recorded, with amerancements amounting to £12 10s; Information relating to the possession of dogs in the forest in the regard of Chelmsford. A total of 8 entries recorded, with amerancements amounting to £32.

m. 33d, Information relating to the possession of dogs in the forest in the regard of Chelmsford. A total of 9 entries recorded, with amerancements amounting to £2 13s 4d.

m. 34, Claims and rights of forest officials. A total of 9 entries recorded.

m. 34d, Claims and rights of forest officials. A total of 2 entries recorded; Metes and bounds of the forest of Essex; The old metes and bounds of the forest of Essex; Claims to liberties and warrens. A total of 16 entries recorded.

m. 35, Claims to liberties and warrens. A total of 34 entries recorded.

m. 35d, Blank.

mm, 36-41, Enrolment of charters, 92 in total.

m. 41d, Blank.

m. 42, Names of those who fined for offences against the vert and venison after the estreats for the previous eyre had been drawn up. A total of 33 entries recorded, with amercements amounting to £24 16s 8d.

m. 42d, Blank.

## PLEA ROLL

### E 32/13

m. 1, Appearances. The names of 102 individuals are listed [as m. 1 of E 32/14, with the exception of 1 name]; Essoins. A total of 28 entries [as m. 1 of E 32/14 with the exception of 1 name]; Names of taverners selling wine in Chelmsford contrary to the Assize [as m. 1 of E 32/14]; Names of those selling meat contrary to the Assize [as m. 1d of E 32/14]. Names of forestallers in Chelmsford [as m. 1d of E 32/14]; [All following entries are written on an additional piece of parchment attached to the bottom of the membrane]. List of men exacted in the course of the eyre. A total of approximately 56 names recorded [25 of these are visible on m. 1d of E 32/14]. There are approximately 7 further entries, which come under the heading 'False.....' [these are not visible on E 32/14].

m. 1d, Enrolment of the pardon of John de Shottisham [as m. 1 of E 32/14]; List of mainpernors. A total of 5 entries recorded [drawn from the list on m. 1d of E 32/14]; Amercements for defaults. A total of 68 amercements recorded [drawn from m. 30 of E 32/14]. Also notes the position of the abbess of Cadamo.

m. 2, Amercements for defaults. A total of 66 amercements recorded [drawn from mm. 30-30d of E 32/14 with only the following changes: 1 entry, noting an amercement of £5, has been cancelled; there is 1 additional entry; the entry relating to Maldon has been extended]; 1 entry drawn from the list of mainpernors contained on m. 1d of E 32/14 above.

m. 2d, Details of an inquiry into the claim of Matilda de Dagworth [as m. 30d of E 32/14]; Enrolment of charters, 7 in total [drawn from m. 37 of E 32/14].

mm. 3-7, Enrolment of charters, 83 in total [drawn from mm. 36-41 of E 32/14].

m. 7d, Blank.

mm. 8-11d, Pleas of venison in the regard of Colchester, both within Winstree and Thurstable and elsewhere [as mm. 2-5d of E 32/14, with a slight change in the ordering].

m. 12, Pleas of venison in the regard of Colchester, specifically in Witham hundred [as m. 6 of E 32/14]; Details of parks illegally enclosed, 3 in total [drawn from m. 6d of E 32/14].

m. 12d, Information relating to the possession of dogs in the forest [as m. 9d of E 32/14 with 2 exceptions: there is an additional entry for the regard of Ongar; 1 of the entries for Chelmsford has not been included].

mm. 13-14, Pleas of venison in the regard of Ongar and Waltham [as mm. 7-8 of E 32/14, with the exclusion of 1 entry noting a gift of venison].

mm. 14d-15, Pleas of venison in the half hundred of Harlow, Dunmow and the parks and forests of Essex [as mm. 8d-9 of E 32/14, with the exception of the last 2 entries from m. 9 which appear on m. 15d below].

m. 15d, Pleas of venison in Dunmow hundred. A total of 2 entries recorded [drawn from m. 9 of E 32/14]; List of mainpernors. A total of 14 entries recorded [drawn from mm. 1-1d of E 32/14].

mm. 16-16d, Pleas of venison in Ongar hundred [As mm. 10-10d of E 32/14].

mm. 17-18d, Pleas of venison in Chafford and Barstable, Becontree and Chelmsford and Dengie hundreds [as mm. 11-12d of E 32/14, with the exception of the entry cancelled on m. 12 and the 3 miscellaneous entries on m. 12d].

m. 19, Cases of illegal entry into the parks of Essex. Letter to Roger Lestrangle and 7 further entries [drawn from m. 29 of E 32/14].

m. 19d, Blank.

mm. 20-25, [As mm. 14-17d above with the following exceptions: 2 pleas of the vert, 1 from Dunmow and 1 from Ongar have been excluded; an entry relating to the illegal enclosure of the park of Hanningfield [m. 6d of E 32/14] has been added].



m. 25d, Entries outlining the refusal of the Hospitallers to ensure that their woodwards abide by forest regulations [as m. 6d of E 32/14]; Regard of Colchester. A total of 41 old purprestures listed [as m. 18 of E 32/14].

mm. 26-33d, Regards of Colchester, Ongar and Chelmsford [as mm. 18-28d of E 32/14, with the following exceptions: 3 additional new wastes recorded in the regard of Chelmsford; 3 additional old purprestures and 1 old assart recorded in the regard of Ongar, with 1 old purpresture excluded; 1 additional old purpresture and 2 additional entries relating to parks recorded in the regard of Chelmsford, with 3 new wastes and 1 entry relating to parks excluded].

m. 34, List of claims. A total of 51 entries recorded [drawn from mm. 34d-35 of E 32/14, with 1 additional entry].

m. 34d, Private woods within the forests of Essex [as m. 31 of E 32/14, with 1 additional entry, naming a new wood].

mm. 35-35d, Private groves within the regard of Colchester. A total of 98 entries [drawn from mm. 31d-32d of E 32/14, with 1 additional entry].

m. 36, Claims and rights of forest officials. A total of 12 entries [drawn from mm. 34-34d of E 32/14].

m. 36d, Claims and rights of forest officials. Continuation of an entry recorded on m. 34d of E 32/14 above; Information relating to the metes and bounds of the forest [drawn from m. 34d of E 32/14].

## ACCOUNT

E 372/137 [1292], Rot. 3 m. 2d; E 372/138 [1293], Rot. 13 mm. 1d-2d, Rot. 16 m. 2d, Rot. 17 mm. 1d-2d and Rot. 23 mm. 2-2d; E 372/139 [1294], Rot. 19 m. 2, Rot. 25 mm. 2-2d, Rot. 29 m. 2 and Rot. 33 m. 2; E 372/140 [1295], Rot. 9 m. 2d and Rot. 11 m. 2d; E 372/143 [1298], Rot. 2 mm. 1-2; E 372/144 [1299], Rot. 15 m. 1; E 372/148 [1303], Rot. 14 m. 1; E 372/152B [1307], Rot. 26 m. 2d.

Some of the entries recorded on E 372/138 [1293] appear in the accounts for London, Kent and Norfolk, some of those on E 372/139 [1294] appear in the accounts for Yorkshire, Kent and Norfolk, while the single entry recorded on E

372/148 [1303] appears in the account for Kent. Several of the entries have been held over from the eyre of Roger de Clifford, while others are derived from Rutland and Huntingdonshire.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £1465 6s 10¼d.

The 1324 eyre was not part of a more general visitation.

## **Essex eyre**

### **Stratford, 20 January 1324**

Aymer de Valence, earl of Pembroke, William la Zuche and William de Claydon, with Philip de Say in the hundreds of Ongar, Waltham and Colchester. The pipe roll names Aymer de Valence, earl of Pembroke and, subsequently, Hugh le Despenser, earl of Worcester.

## **SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS**

Writ of summons, dated 24 November 1323, for an eyre in the forests of Essex (*CCR*, 1323-7, 146). The appointment of the justices is also recorded on the patent roll in a letter of the same date (*CPR*, 1321-4, 351). An additional letter of 28 June 1324 notes that Hugh le Despenser has been appointed to replace the recently deceased Aymer de Valence, and also associates Philip de Say with the 3 original justices (*CPR*, 1321-4, 434).

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Philip de Say, king's clerk, is appointed keeper of the rolls and writs of the eyre (*CPR*, 1321-4, 351). A letter of 6 January 1324 orders the justices not to molest an individual who is serving the king overseas (*CCR*, 1323-7, 152).

## **PLEA ROLL**

E 32/16

[This eyre is wrongly ascribed to 1323 in *V.C.H. Essex*, ii, p. 617].

Details of the summons etc. are attached to the roll on a separate piece of parchment.

m. 1, Appearances. The names of 56 individuals are listed under the main heading; Essoins. A total of 37 entries; Names of bakers in West Ham selling bread contrary to the Assize. A total of 3 names listed, with amercements amounting to 1s 6d; Names of brewers in West Ham selling ale contrary to the Assize. A total of 10 names listed, with amercements amounting to 4s 3d; Names of taverners in West Ham selling wine contrary to the Assize. A total of 3 names listed, with no visible amercements; Names of butchers in West Ham selling meat contrary to the Assize. A total of 2 names listed, with amercements amounting to 1s.

m. 1d, Names of bakers in Colchester selling bread contrary to the Assize. A total of 4 names listed, with amercements amounting to 6s 11d; Names of brewers in Colchester selling ale contrary to the Assize. A total of 8 names listed, with amercements amounting to 11s 10d; Names of taverners in Colchester selling wine contrary to the Assize. A total of 4 names listed, with amercements amounting to 9s; Names of butchers in Colchester selling meat contrary to the Assize. A total of 3 names listed, with amercements amounting to 2s 8d.

mm. 2-2d, Amercements for defaults, arranged on a hundred basis. A total of 345 amercements recorded, amounting to £35 16s 10d. A distinction is made between freemen placed within and without the forest as a result of the perambulation. Of the 345 amercements for defaults 48 are levied on forest officials for failing to produce their rolls on the first day of proceedings.

mm. 3-3d, Enrolment of mainpernors. A total of 331 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £16 18s 10d.

m. 4, Amercements and proceeds of forfeitures presented to the justices by the sheriff. A total of 101 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £11 2s 2d.

m. 4d, Amercements and proceeds of forfeitures presented to the justices by the sheriff. A total of 56 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £7 2s 9d; Names of foresters holding scotales, collecting sheaves of corn, eggs, the

rent of hens and haymarkets etc. and retaining money collected from chiminage, fines etc. The names of 26 walking and riding foresters are listed under this heading, with payments amounting to £1 16s.

mm. 5-10d, Enrolment of charters, 124 in total.

m. 11, Pleas of venison in Chelmsford and Dengie hundreds. Names of the seneschal of the forest of Essex, his attorney, 2 foresters and 7 verderers responsible for presenting the pleas. The 7 verderers and 1 of the foresters have been amerced, and pay £1 1s. A total of 8 entries recorded.

m. 11d, Pleas of venison in Chelmsford and Dengie hundreds, A total of 9 entries recorded.

m. 12, Pleas of venison in Chelmsford and Dengie hundreds, A total of 13 entries recorded.

m. 12d, Pleas of venison in Chelmsford and Dengie hundreds, A total of 12 entries recorded.

m. 13, Pleas of venison in Chelmsford and Dengie hundreds, A total of 11 entries recorded.

m. 13d, Pleas of venison in Chelmsford and Dengie hundreds, A total of 11 entries recorded.

m. 14, Pleas of venison in Chelmsford and Dengie hundreds, A total of 13 entries recorded.

m. 14d, Pleas of venison in Chelmsford and Dengie hundreds, A total of 13 entries recorded.

m. 15, [This membrane is very much shorter than the others which constitute the roll]. Pleas of venison in Chelmsford and Dengie hundreds. A total of 2 entries recorded. There are then 4 entries noting cases in which a presentment, initially agreed upon, was subsequently contradicted.

m. 15d, Blank.

m. 16, [mm. 16-20 are in a different and much larger hand to those which constitute the rest of the roll]. Pleas of venison in the regard of Ongar and Waltham hundreds. Names of the seneschal of the forest of Essex, his attorney, the attorney of the forester in fee for Waltham and 8 verderers responsible for presenting the pleas of the forest. 5 of the verderers have

been amerced, and pay 10s. It is noted that, for the regard of Ongar and Waltham, Philip de Say has been associated with the justices by letters patent. A total of 11 entries recorded.

m. 16d, Pleas of venison in the regard of Ongar and Waltham hundreds. A total of 4 entries recorded, 1 of which names 31 individuals as members of the same hunting party.

m. 17, Pleas of venison in the regard of Ongar and Waltham hundreds. A total of 13 entries recorded.

m. 17d, Pleas of venison in the regard of Ongar and Waltham hundreds. A total of 9 entries recorded.

m. 18, Pleas of venison in the regard of Ongar and Waltham hundreds. A total of 16 entries recorded.

m. 18d, Pleas of venison in the regard of Ongar and Waltham hundreds. A total of 17 entries recorded.

m. 19, Pleas of venison in the regard of Ongar and Waltham hundreds. A total of 12 entries recorded.

m. 19d, Pleas of venison in the regard of Ongar and Waltham hundreds. A total of 7 entries recorded.

m. 20, Pleas of venison in the regard of Ongar and Waltham hundreds. A total of 6 entries recorded.

m. 20d, Blank.

m. 21, Pleas of venison in the regard of Colchester. Names of the seneschal of the forest of Essex, his attorney, 1 forester and 7 verderers. The forester and 5 of the verderers have been amerced, and pay 10s 8d. It is noted that, for the regard of Colchester, Philip de Say has been associated with the justices by letters patent. A total of 15 entries recorded.

m. 21d, Pleas of venison in the regard of Colchester. A total of 21 entries recorded.

m. 22, Pleas of venison in the regard of Colchester. A total of 19 entries recorded.

mm. 22d, Pleas of venison in the regard of Colchester. A total of 11 entries recorded.

m. 23, Pleas of the vert in the regard of Chelmsford, Dengie and Chafford hundreds. A total of 23 entries recorded.

m. 23d, Pleas of the vert in the regard of Chelmsford, Dengie and Chafford hundreds. A total of 68 entries recorded.

m. 24, Pleas of the vert in the regard of Chelmsford, Dengie and Chafford hundreds. A total of 44 entries recorded.

m. 24d, Pleas of the vert in the regard of Chelmsford, Dengie and Chafford hundreds. A total of 39 entries recorded.

m. 25, Pleas of the vert in the regard of Chelmsford, Dengie and Chafford hundreds. A total of 68 entries recorded.

m. 25d, Pleas of the vert in the regard of Chelmsford, Dengie and Chafford hundreds. A total of 35 pleas recorded. Overall payments amount to £54 13s 7d [fines, amercements and payments to the value of the damage caused]; List of townships in the regard of Chelmsford failing to attend inquisitions with full powers. There are 105 names, arranged on a hundred basis, with payments amounting to £38 13s 4d; There is then an entry concerning the ownership of the wood of Wanstead, taken into the king's hands as a result of waste.

m. 26, [mm. 26-28 are in the larger hand described above] Pleas of the vert in the regard of Ongar. A total of 48 entries recorded.

m. 27, Pleas of the vert in the regard of Ongar. A total of 46 entries recorded.

m. 27d, Pleas of the vert in the regard of Ongar. A total of 26 entries recorded. A further 4 entries have been erased.

m. 28, Pleas of the vert in the regard of Ongar. A total of 43 entries recorded. Overall payments amount to £32 4s 8d [fines, amercements and payments to the value of the damage caused].

m. 28d, Blank.

m. 29, Pleas of the vert in the regard of Colchester, and wastes committed in the same. A total of 31 entries recorded.

m. 29d, Pleas of the vert and wastes in the regard of Colchester. A total of 49 entries recorded.

m. 30, Pleas of the vert and wastes in the regard of Colchester. A total of 52 entries recorded.

m. 30d, Pleas of the vert and wastes in the regard of Colchester. A total of 19 entries recorded. Overall payments amount to £46 9s 2d [fines, amercements and payments to the value of the damage caused]; There is then a note that there will be no computation of trees cut down in the king's demesne wood of Kingswood as Edward I sold a great number of the oak trees there and the stumps were used for the production of charcoal; List of townships in the regard of Colchester failing to attend inquisitions with full powers. There are 62 names, arranged on a hundred basis, with payments amounting to £18 15s; Agistment of Kingswood. There are entries for the years 21 Edward I - 17 Edward II (1292-3 to 1323-4).

m. 31, Regard of Chelmsford. Names of 12 regards, with amercements of £1 12s 8d. There is a list of 53 miscellaneous entries including assarts, purprestures, enclosures and enlargements of parks.

m. 31d, Regard of Chelmsford. There is a list of 61 old assarts and purprestures.

m. 32, Regard of Chelmsford. There is a list of 84 old purprestures.

m. 32d, Regard of Chelmsford. There is a list of 44 old purprestures; Second regard of Chelmsford, presented by the same regards. There is a list of 56 old assarts and purprestures.

mm. 33-34, Second regard of Chelmsford. There is a list of 207 old assarts and purprestures.

m. 34d, Second regard of Chelmsford. There is a list of 9 old wastes and 9 old parks.

m. 35, Third regard of Chelmsford, presented by the same regards. There is a list of 9 new wastes and 35 miscellaneous entries, including new purprestures, illegally enclosed and enlarged parks and even a payment for taking windfallen wood from the forest.

mm. 35d-36, Third regard of Chelmsford. There is a list of 164 assarts, wastes and purprestures sown with crops and wastes of woods at the time of the perambulation.

m. 36d, Third regard of Chelmsford. There is a list of 86 assarts, wastes and purprestures sown with crops and wastes of woods at the time of the perambulation, and a single entry detailing the right of the abbess of Barking and her tenants to take windfallen wood from the forest in the closed season in order to build defences against the sea.

m. 37, [The membranes dealing with the regard of Ongar, i.e. mm. 37-46d, are again in the larger script described above]. Regard of Ongar. Names of 12 regards, with amercements of £1. There is a list of 91 old purprestures.

m. 37d, Regard of Ongar. There is a list of 75 old purprestures.

m. 38, [The P.R.O. class list suggests that this is in fact m. 39, m. 38 having been missed out, but this does not seem to be the case.] Regard of Ongar. There is a list of 82 old purprestures.

m. 38d-39, Regard of Ongar. There is a list of 156 old purprestures.

m. 39d, Regard of Ongar. There is a list of 41 old purprestures. There is also a heading 'New Assarts' but no such entries are recorded.

mm. 40-42d, Second regard of Ongar and Waltham, presented by the same regards. There is a list of 413 old purprestures.

m. 43, Third regard of Ongar, presented by the same regards. There is a list of 81 old purprestures.

m. 43d, Third regard of Ongar. There is a list of 55 old purprestures, with 20 assarts, wastes and purprestures sown with crops and wastes of woods at the time of the perambulation.

mm. 44-45d, Third regard of Ongar. There is a list of 230 assarts, wastes and purprestures sown with crops and wastes of woods at the time of the perambulation.

m. 46, Third regard of Ongar. There is a list of 33 assarts, wastes and purprestures sown with crops and wastes of woods at the time of the perambulation, together with 16 old and 5 new wastes before the perambulation.

m. 46d, Third regard of Ongar. There is a list of 3 new wastes before the perambulation and 4 new wastes at the time of the perambulation. The membrane concludes with a list of townships failing to attend inquisitions with



full powers. There are 61 names, arranged on a hundred basis, with payments amounting to £17 17s 8d.

m. 47, First regard of Colchester. Names of 12 regards, with amercements amounting to £1 2s. There is a list of 100 old purprestures.

m. 47d, First regard of Colchester. There is a list of 89 old purprestures.

m. 48, First regard of Colchester. There is a list of 43 old purprestures; Second regard of Colchester, presented by the same regards. There is a list of 67 old purprestures.

m. 48d, Second regard of Colchester. There is a list of 98 old purprestures.

m. 49, Second regard of Colchester. There is a list of 58 old purprestures; Third regard of Colchester, presented by the same regards. There is a list of 40 old purprestures.

m. 49d, Third regard of Colchester. There is a list of 67 old purprestures, although 11 of these are noted as new, and 26 old purprestures sown with crops at the time of the perambulation.

m. 50, Third regard of Colchester. There is a list of 82 old purprestures sown with crops at the time of the perambulation.

m. 50d, Third regard of Colchester. There is a list of 19 old purprestures sown with crops and 2 new purprestures, all at the time of the perambulation. A final entry outlines the cultivation and enclosure of 20 acres of land in the township of Grinstead by the abbot of St. John's, Colchester.

mm. 51-53d, Claims to liberties within the forest of Essex. A total of 151 entries recorded.

m. 54, Claims to liberties within the forest of Essex. There is a single further entry recorded under this heading; Details of inquiries into the metes and bounds of the forest and claims of foresters therein. A total of 7 entries recorded, specifically 4 claims and the metes and bounds of 3 hundreds.

m. 54d, Details of inquiries into the metes and bounds of the forest and claims of foresters therein. A total of 5 entries recorded, specifically 4 claims and the metes and bounds of 1 hundred; The old metes and bounds of the forest of Essex.

m. 55, There is a single entry relating to the profits of the forest and a note that the justices concluded the proceedings 21 July 1324.

m. 55d, Blank.

#### ACCOUNT

E352/118 [1326], Rot. 5 mm. 2-2d; E 372/171 [1327], Rot. 4 m. 2d; E 372/172 [1328], Rot. 7 mm. 1d-2d and Rot. 18 m. 1d; E 372/173 [1329], Rot. 6 m. 2 and Rot. 38 m. 1d; E 372/174 [1330], Rot. 5 m. 1d; E352/123 [1331], Rot. 39 m. 1d; E 372/176 [1332], Rot. 6 m. 1d.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £622 2s 6½d.

#### The 1329-30 Visitation

The justices named are John Mautravers, Robert de Arden, Robert de Aspley and William de Robertsbridge.

There is a writ of summons, dated 15 October 1329, for an eyre in the forests of Surrey to be held at Guildford on 4 December 1329 before the above-named justices (*CCR*, 1327-30, 576 and *CPR*, 1327-30, 449). There is, however, no evidence that the eyre was ever held.

#### Berkshire (Windsor) eyre

##### New Windsor, 16 October 1329

John Mautravers, Robert de Arden, Robert de Aspley and William de Robertsbridge. The pipe roll names John Mautravers.

#### SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS

2 writs of summons, dated 25 August 1329, for an eyre in the forests of Berkshire (*CCR*, 1327-30, 568 and *CPR*, 1327-30, 421).

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Hugh de Hanslope is appointed to the custody of the rolls and writs relating to the eyre, and the treasurer and chamberlains of the Exchequer are ordered to

deliver to him the rolls of the last justices in eyre (*CPR*, 1327-30, 421). A letter of 9 April 1332 orders Robert de Ufford to ensure that the justices deliver their estreats to the Exchequer without delay (*CCR*, 1330-3, 453). There are 2 pardons relating to this eyre (*CPR*, 1327-30, 525 and *CPR*, 1334-8, 320). Finally, a letter of 13 May 1331, addressed to the justices in eyre, concerns the rights of the bishop of Salisbury in Windsor forest (*CCR*, 1330-3, 240).

## ESTREAT ROLL

### E 137/2/1

Only mm. 1-5 of this general estreat roll contain information relating to the Berkshire eyre.

m. 1, Fines and redemptions for pleas of venison in the forest of Windsor. A total of 37 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £91 13s 6d; Fines and amercements for pleas of the vert in the forest of Windsor. A total of 27 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £4 6s 10d.

m. 1d, Fines and amercements for pleas of the vert in the forest of Windsor. A total of 39 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £6 16s 8d; Payments derived from purprestures in the regard of Windsor forest. A total of 43 entries recorded, 2 of which deal with multiple offences by the same individuals. Payments amount to £19 11¼d.

m. 2, Fines for purprestures in the regard of Windsor forest. A total of 83 fines recorded, amounting to £4 5s 5d.

m. 2d, Fines for purprestures in the regard of Windsor forest. A total of 86 fines recorded amounting to £5 16s 7d.

m. 3, Fines for purprestures in the regard of Windsor forest. A total of 53 entries recorded amounting to £3 6s; Payments for new assarts in Windsor forest. A total of 12 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £19 6s 8d; Payments for old assarts in Windsor forest. A total of 10 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £1 8s 9½d; Fines for new purprestures in Windsor forest. A total of 5 fines recorded, amounting to £12 11s.

m. 3d, Fines for old wastes in Windsor forest. A total of 11 fines recorded, amounting to £4 6s 8d; Fines and payment of rent for purprestures in Windsor

forest. A total of 34 entries recorded, with payments, including arrears, amounting to £8 1s ¾d; Payments for overgrazing in Windsor forest. A total of 15 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £1 1s 6d. Agistment in Windsor forest for the years 8-22 Edward I (1279-80 to 1293-4), with payments amounting to £24 16s 2d.

m. 4, Agistment in Windsor forest for the years 26 Edward I - 3 Edward II (1297-8 to 1309-10), with payments amounting to £13 6s 5d; Revenue derived from the sale of wood in Windsor forest for the years 9 Edward I - 3 Edward III (1280-1 to 1329-30), amounting to £88 2s 10d; Fines for writs. A total of 14 fines recorded, amounting to £4 11s 8d; Payments by mainpernors in Windsor forest. A total of 57 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £4 16s 4d.

m. 4d, Payments by mainpernors in Windsor forest. A total of 72 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £4 1s 6d; Amercements for defaults on the first day of proceedings, arranged on a hundred basis. A total of 66 amerancements recorded, amounting to £4 6d.

m. 5, Amercements for defaults on the first day of proceedings, arranged on a hundred basis. A total of 129 amerancements recorded, amounting to £7 17s 4d; Amercements levied on forest officials presenting incomplete information. A total of 21 amerancements recorded, amounting to £1 14s 10d.

m. 5d, Amercements levied on townships failing to attend inquisitions with full powers. A total of 29 amerancements recorded, amounting to £5 9s 4d; Agistment 'extraneorum animalium'. A total of 7 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £42 14s 4d; Amercements levied on those whose claims were not prosecuted at the eyre. A total of 4 amerancements recorded, amounting to £2 15s 4d. There is a note at the end of this membrane that these 4 [*sic*] rotulets were received from Robert de Ufford on 18 February 1333.

## ACCOUNT

E 372/178 [1334], Rot. 8 m. 1d and Rot. 15 mm. 1d-2d.

2 of the entries recorded on E 372/178 [1334] appear in the account for Surrey. The majority of the entries are payments for the annual rent of assarts. It is stated that the entries are derived from the eyre of 4 Edward III (1330-1). More than half of the total assessed revenue consists of amercements levied on the men and tenants of Queen Isabella. Total assessed revenue amounts to £87 2s 11d.

### **Wiltshire eyre**

**Salisbury, 27 February 1330**

John Mautravers, Robert de Aspley, William de Robertsbridge and Hugh de Hanslope. The pipe roll names Robert de Ufford.

### **SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS**

Writ of summons, dating from November 1329, for an eyre in the forests of Wiltshire to be held on 16 January 1330 (*CCR*, 1327-30, 588). A second writ of summons, dated 28 November 1329, gives the date which subsequently appears on the eyre roll (*CPR*, 1327-30, 466). A letter of 26 January notes that Robert de Ufford has been commissioned to replace John Mautravers (*CPR*, 1330-4, 66). The eyre is eventually to be completed before Ufford, John de Tichebourn and John de Macclesfield. It had remained unfinished as a result of the deaths of Robert de Aspley and Hugh de Hanslope and the withdrawal of John Mautravers from the realm following his rebellion (*CPR*, 1330-4, 329).

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

John de Hougham, king's clerk, is appointed to the custody of the rolls and writs relating to the eyre (*CPR*, 1327-30, 466). A letter of 25 June 1331 arranges for the payment to him of £10 out of the proceeds of the eyre (*CCR*, 1330-3, 247). A letter of 23 January 1330 addressed to the justices in eyre orders them to postpone all pleas relating to Henry, earl of Lancaster, until the close of proceedings, as a result of his absence overseas on the king's

business (*CCR*, 1327-30, 515). There are also 3 pardons relating to this eyre (*CPR*, 1330-4, 268, 425; *CCR*, 1330-3, 188). The disruption to proceedings is apparent from a final letter of 9 April 1332, which orders Robert de Ufford to ensure that the justices in eyre for Wiltshire deliver their estreats to the Exchequer without delay (*CCR*, 1330-3, 453). It is presumably for this reason that Robert de Ufford is named on the pipe roll.

## PLEA ROLL

### E 32/207

m. 1, Appearances. The names of 57 individuals are recorded, 37 of whom attended on the first day of proceedings, 5 on the second, 7 on the fourth, 2 on the fifth, 1 on the twelfth, 4 on the sixteenth and 1 subsequently; Essoins. A total of 103 entries recorded.

m. 1d, Blank.

m. 2, Pleas of venison in Clarendon forest. Names of the warden of the forest and his representative, 4 foresters in fee and 7 verderers responsible for presenting the pleas. A total of 9 entries recorded.

m. 2d, Pleas of venison in Clarendon forest. A total of 11 entries recorded.

m. 3, Pleas of venison in Clarendon forest. A total of 8 entries recorded, 1 of which lists 2 separate pleas.

m. 3d, Pleas of venison in Clarendon forest. A total of 5 entries recorded, 1 of which lists 10 separate pleas.

m. 4, Pleas of venison in Clarendon forest. A total of 8 entries recorded, 1 of which lists 4 separate pleas, another 3.

m. 4d, Pleas of venison in Clarendon forest. A total of 5 entries recorded, 1 of which lists 5 separate pleas.

m. 5, Pleas of the vert in that part of Clarendon forest which falls within the bailiwick of Clarendon. A total of 31 entries of varying lengths recorded. 1 of these entries records 4 separate pleas. Payments amount to £31 4s.

m. 5d, Pleas of the vert in that part of Clarendon forest which falls within the bailiwick of Milchet. A total of 6 entries recorded, 2 of which have been placed erroneously in the bailiwick of Groveley. Payments amount to £3 13s 5d;

Pleas of the vert in the bailiwick of Groveley. A total of 25 entries recorded, of which only the first 14 are positively stated to relate to the bailiwick of Groveley. Payments amount to £5 12s 2d.

m. 6, Pleas of the vert in Clarendon forest. A total of 4 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £4 4s 4d.

m. 6d, Pleas of the vert in Clarendon forest. A total of 16 entries of varying lengths recorded, 1 of which details the possession of pigs in the forest by 5 separate individuals. Payments amount to £3 2s 8d.

m. 7, Regard of Clarendon, Groveley and Milchet forests. Names of 12 regarders, with amercements of 10s 4d for the concealment of information. There is a list of 35 old assarts, 34 of which are now without the forest as a result of the recent perambulation.

m. 7d, Regard of Clarendon, Groveley and Milchet forests. There is a list of 26 old assarts and 14 new purprestures, all of which are now without the forest.

m. 8, Regard of Clarendon, Groveley and Milchet forests. There is a list of 16 new assarts, 10 of which are without the forest, 22 old assarts, 1 old purpresture and 3 new purprestures.

m. 8d, Regard of Clarendon, Groveley and Milchet forests. There is a list of 7 old assarts and 19 old purprestures, both categories without the forest, and 11 new purprestures.

m. 9, Regard of Clarendon, Groveley and Milchet forests. There is a list of 43 old purprestures all of which are without the forest.

m. 9d, Regard of Clarendon, Groveley and Milchet forests. There is a list of 45 old purprestures, 38 of which are without the forest.

m. 10, Regard of Clarendon, Groveley and Milchet forests. There is a list of 22 old purprestures, all of which are without the forest.

m. 10d, Regard of Clarendon, Groveley and Milchet forests. There is a single entry on this membrane, dealing with the old assarts of Master William de Longespee, now held by the Master of the Hospital of St. Nicholas, Salisbury. There is an inquiry into the status of the land in question, i.e. whether or not it should be included in the regard.

m. 11, Regard of Clarendon, Groveley and Milchet forests. There is a list of 26 old wastes, 20 of which are now without the forest.

m. 11d, Blank.

m. 12, Agistment in Clarendon, Groveley and Milchet forests. Agistment in Groveley forest for the years 8 Edward I - 3 Edward III (1279-80 to 1329-30), with payments amounting to £4 8s 1½d. Agistment in Milchet forest for the years 28-33 Edward I (1299-1300 to 1304-5), 4, 9, 11, 14, 16 and 19 Edward II (1310-11, 1315-16, 1317-18, 1320-1, 1322-3 and 1325-6) and 3-6 Edward III (1329-30 to 1232-3), with payments amounting to £18 17s 4d. Agistment in Clarendon forest for the years 8 Edward I - 6 Edward III (1279-80 to 1332-3), with payments amounting to £2 15s 1d.

m. 12d, Blank.

## ROLL OF AMERCEMENTS

E 32/226

[Cf. mm. 3-5 of E 32/280]

m. 1, Amercements for defaults on the first day of proceedings. A total of 156 amerancements recorded, amounting to £12 19s 7d; Fines for writs and the recovery of woods seized into the king's hands. A total of 20 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £14 6s 8d.

m. 1d, Fines for writs and the recovery of woods seized into the king's hands. A total of 24 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £10 16s 8d.

m. 2, Amercements levied on those failing to attend adjournments. A total of 102 amerancements recorded, amounting to £2 8s 1d; Payments by free men who were within the forest of Savernake prior to the perambulation, but are now without the bounds. A total of 15 entries recorded, with payments amounting to 6s 1d; Payments by the 24 townships now without the forest of Savernake, but remaining the closest to it. A total of 27 [*sic*] entries recorded, with payments amounting to 11s 2d.

mm. 2d-3d, Amercements levied on those failing to attend adjournments. A total of 460 amerancements recorded, amounting to £8 15s.



## ROLL OF AMERCEMENTS

E 32/280

m. 1, Issues of forfeitures by sheriff's return. A total of 79 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £19 11s 6d.

mm. 1d-2, Amercements levied on those failing to attend and their mainpernors. A total of 102 amerancements recorded, amounting to £3 17s 9d.

m. 2d, Amercements levied on those failing to attend and their mainpernors. A total of 15 entries recorded; Amercements levied on those failing to attend adjournments. A total of 83 entries recorded.

m. 3, Amercements for defaults on the first day of proceedings. A total of 157 amerancements recorded, amounting to £13 16s; Fines for writs and the recovery of woods seized into the king's hands. A total of 8 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £4 16s 8d.

m. 3d, Fines for writs and the recovery of woods seized into the king's hands. A total of 36 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £16 13s 4d

mm. 4-4d, Amercements levied on those failing to attend adjournments. A total of 383 amerancements recorded, amounting to £6 14s 4d.

m. 5, Amercements levied on those failing to attend adjournments. A total of 118 amerancements recorded, amounting to £3 2s 1d; Payments by free men who were within the forest of Savernake prior to the perambulation, but are now without the bounds. A total of 15 entries recorded, with payments amounting to 6s 2d; Payments by the 24 townships now without the forest of Savernake, but remaining the closest to it. A total of 22 [*sic*] entries recorded, with payments amounting to 9s 5d.

m. 5d, Amercements levied on those failing to attend adjournments. A total of 67 amerancements recorded, amounting to £1 12s 11.

m. 6, Duplicates m. 1 above.

m. 6d, Fines payable for non-production of rolls, writs and memoranda belonging to forest officials who have died since the last eyre. A total of 23 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £11 2s.

## ACCOUNT

E 372/179 [1335], Rot. 9 m. 2 and Rot. 31 mm. 2-1d; E 372/181 [1337], Rot. 9 m. 2d; E 372/182 [1338], Rot. 14 m. 2d and Rot. 15 m. 2; E 372/183 [1339], Rot. 32 m. 2.

Some of the entries recorded on E 372/179 [1335] appear in the account for Hampshire, while both of those recorded on E 372/183 [1339] appear in the account for Somerset. The majority of the entries are payments for the annual rent of assarts. It is stated that the entries are derived from the eyre of 4 Edward III (1330-1). More than half of the total assessed revenue consists of amercements levied on the men and tenants of Queen Isabella.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £564 9s 8d.

### **Hampshire eyre**

#### **Southampton, 9 July 1330**

John Mautravers, Robert de Aspley, William de Robertsbridge and Hugh de Hanslope. The pipe roll names John Mautravers.

### **SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS**

Writ of summons, dated 8 May 1330, for an eyre in the forests of Hampshire (*CCR*, 1330-3, 31). The appointment of the justices is also recorded on the patent roll in a letter of the same date (*CPR*, 1327-30, 521). A letter of 3 February 1331 notes that Robert de Ufford has been commissioned to replace John Mautravers (*CPR*, 1330-4, 69). There are a number of further changes: on 12 January 1331 John de Macclesfield is commissioned to replace Hugh de Hanslope (*CPR*, 1330-4, 231); on 15 October 1331 Robert de Bousser is associated with the justices (*CPR*, 1330-4, 186); and on 27 January 1332 John de Tichebourn is commissioned to replace Robert de Bousser (*CPR*, 1330-4, 246). The death of Robert de Aspley is also recorded (*CPR*, 1330-4, 231). The constant replacement of the justices in eyre suggests that the eyre took some time to complete, either because of the sheer volume of business or possible postponements, but the start date is

provided by the plea roll. This is true of a number of the 14th-century eyres (see below pp. 385, 392 and 395-6 for example).

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

John de Hougham, king's clerk, is appointed to the custody of the rolls and writs relating to the eyre (*CPR*, 1327-30, 522). The treasurer and chamberlains are ordered to deliver to him the rolls and writs of the last 2 forest eyres in Hampshire, in order to facilitate the work of the justices. He is also to receive all rolls relating to arrentations made in the forests of Hampshire during the reigns of Edwards I and II (*CCR*, 1330-3, 31). A letter of 25 June 1331 instructs the sheriff of Hampshire to pay John de Hougham £10 from the issues of the eyre for his expenses (*CCR*, 1330-3, 247). The justices are informed that they should not put the abbot of Gloucester in default for non-attendance at the eyre: the king has pardoned him due to illness (*CCR*, 1330-3, 43). Finally in a letter of c. June 1330, Hugh de Courtney requests that his attorneys should be admitted at the eyre (SC 1/36, no. 96).

#### PLEA ROLL

E 32/164

John Mautravers' roll.

m.1, Appearances. The names of 35 individuals are listed; Essoins. A total of 95 entries recorded.

m. 1d, Blank.

m. 2, Pleas of venison in the New Forest. Names of the warden of the forest and his representative and 4 verderers responsible for presenting the pleas. They have been amerced to the value of £1 2s. A total of 6 entries recorded.

m. 2d, Pleas of venison in the New Forest. A total of 5 entries recorded.

m. 3, Pleas of venison in the New Forest. A total of 6 entries recorded.

m. 3d, Pleas of venison in the New Forest. A total of 4 entries recorded.

m. 4, Pleas of venison in the New Forest. A total of 4 entries recorded.

m. 4d, Blank.

m. 5, Pleas of the vert in the New Forest. A total of 46 entries recorded, 1 of which has been struck through. Payments amount to £7 13s 1d. The entries vary in length and detail and some list more than 1 offence.

m. 5d, Pleas of the vert in the New Forest. A total of 16 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £9 3s 3d.

m. 6, Pleas of the vert in the New Forest. A total of 16 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £10 17s 10d.

m. 6d, Pleas of the vert in the New Forest. A total of 13 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £3 15s 5d.

m. 7, Pleas of the vert in the New Forest. A total of 18 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £2 11s 8d.

m. 7d, Pleas of the vert in the New Forest. A total of 8 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £6 18s 11d

m. 8, Pleas of the vert in the New Forest. A total of 5 entries recorded. with payments amounting to £10 6s 10d.

m. 8d, Pleas of the vert in the New Forest. A total of 10 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £1 2s 5d.

m. 9, Pleas of the vert in the New Forest. A total of 11 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £55 5s.

m. 9d, Pleas of the vert in the New Forest. A total of 7 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £8 6s 5d.

m. 10, Regard of the New Forest. Names of 12 regards. They have been amerced to the value of 16s 8d, for failing to present their full findings. There is a list of 2 old assarts and 21 old purprestures within the demesne.

mm. 10d-11d, Regard of the New Forest. There is a list of 73 old purprestures.

m. 12, Regard of the New Forest. There is a list of 17 old purprestures and 10 new purprestures.

m. 12d, Regard of the New Forest. There is a list of 7 new wastes and 2 new purprestures. There are also 5 entries detailing revenue relating to the expeditation of dogs, 1 of which has been struck through. Payments for these 6 entries amount to £195 11s. Details of payments relating to windfallen wood

in the forest. A total of 8 entries recorded, 1 of which has been struck through. Payments for these entries amount to £35.

mm. 13-17, Details of claims within the forests of Hampshire. A total of 32 entries recorded.

m. 17d, Details of claims within the forests of Hampshire. There is a single entry recorded under this heading; Writ ordering the justices in eyre to abide by the perambulation of the reign of Edward I.

mm. 18-24d, Enrolment of charters of the forests of Hampshire, 63 in total.

## COPY ROLL

E 32/163

[A calendar of this roll is printed in Stagg, pp. 164-195].

m. 1, Appearances. The names of 34 individuals are listed [1 of the entries on m. 1 of E 32/164 has been excluded]; Essoins [as m. 1 of E 32/164].

m. 1d, Blank.

mm. 2-4, Pleas of venison in the New Forest [as mm. 2-4 of E 32/164].

m. 4d, Blank.

mm. 5-9, Pleas of the vert in the New Forest [as mm. 5-9d of E 32/164].

m. 9d, Blank.

## ACCOUNT

E 372/178 [1334], Rot. 5 m. 1d, Rot. 10 m. 1d, Rot. 11 mm. 1d-2d, Rot. 13 m. 2d, Rot. 15 m. 2d, Rot. 17 m. 2 and Rot. 23 m. 2; E 372/179 [1335], Rot. 10 m. 2d.

Some of the entries recorded on E 372/178 [1334] appear in the accounts for Essex, Surrey, Wiltshire, Northamptonshire and Somerset, while the single entry recorded on E 372/179 [1335] appears in the account for Wiltshire.

Some of the entries recorded on E 372/178 [1334] are payments for the annual rent of assarts. It should also be noted that the largest single payment, in excess of £431, is levied on the men and tenants of Queen Isabella.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £773 15s 11½d.

## **Nottinghamshire eyre**

**Nottingham, 25 April 1334**

Ralph de Neville, Richard de Aldborough and Peter de Middleton. The pipe roll names Ralph de Neville.

### **SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS**

Writ of summons, dated 2 March 1334, for an eyre in the forests of Nottinghamshire (*CPR*, 1330-4, 519). A letter of 16 July 1334 associates Thomas de Longevilers with the 3 original justices (*CPR*, 1330-4, 564). A second letter of 1 October 1336 commissions William Basset in place of the recently deceased Peter de Middleton (*CPR*, 1334-8, 321). Finally, there is a series of letters addressed to Ralph de Neville, Richard de Aldborough and William Basset, postponing the eyre from one date to another down to 30 April 1340 (*CCR*, 1333-7, 708, *CCR*, 1337-9, 110, 391, 618, *CCR*, 1339-41, 258). The date of the commencement of the eyre is vouched for by the plea roll, but the above information seems to suggest it continued intermittently for a long time.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Simon de Seamer is appointed to the custody of the rolls and writs relating to the eyre, and the treasurer and chamberlains are ordered to deliver to him the documentation of the previous eyre for the use of the justices (*CPR*, 1330-4, 519). There is also a pardon related to this visitation (*CPR*, 1330-4, 563).

### **PLEA ROLL**

**E 32/132**

[Some of the entries recorded on mm. 5, 9d and 11-14 are printed in Turner, *Select Pleas*, pp. 65-9. Turner also reproduces the commission of the justices on m. 1, but does not give a membrane reference (*ibid.*, p. 65). A brief summary of the information contained on this roll appears in *V.C.H. Nottinghamshire*, i, p. 372 and Boulton, pp. 103-8].

m. 1, Commission of the justices and the common summons; Appearances. The names of 123 individuals are listed.

m. 1d, Appearances. The names of 28 individuals are listed; Names of freemen failing to attend the first day of proceedings. A total of 81 names recorded, 1 of which has been struck through. The scribe provides a total of £13 17s.

m. 2, Essoins. A total of 166 entries recorded.

m. 2d, Names of further freemen failing to attend the first day of proceedings. A total of 102 entries recorded, 3 of which have been struck through. The total of £10 4s 10d provided by the scribe for amercements is correct; Names of townships failing to send representatives on the first day of proceedings. The membrane records the names of 33 individuals from 16 townships. The total of £1 13s 4d provided by the scribe for amercements is correct.

m. 3, Amercements for various offences. A total of 32 entries recorded, noting offences ranging from the failure to produce rolls before the justices to the concealment of an assart from the reguards. The total of £14 5s 4d provided by the scribe for amercements is correct; Names of those selling victuals during the eyre contrary to the Assize. A total of 50 entries recorded. The total of £7 16s provided by the scribe for amercements is correct.

m. 3d, A heading relating to the failure of individuals to appear on the first day of proceedings has been struck through. Otherwise blank.

m. 4, Pleas of venison. Names of 6 verderers responsible for presenting the pleas of the venison. A total of 9 entries recorded, 1 of which deals with an attempt to influence the verdict of an inquiry. The scribe provides a total of £4 13s 4d.

m. 4d, Pleas of venison. A total of 15 entries recorded. The scribe provides a total of £35 3s.

m. 5, Pleas of venison. A total of 14 entries recorded. The scribe provides a total of £12 8s 8d.

m. 5d, Pleas of venison. A total of 13 entries recorded. The scribe provides a total of £18 3s 4d.

m. 6, Pleas of venison. A total of 18 entries recorded, 1 of which has been struck through and another cancelled because it appears elsewhere among the pleas of the vert. The scribe provides a total of £13 8s 8d.

m. 6d, Pleas of venison. A total of 13 entries recorded. The scribe provides a total of £24 6s 8d.

m. 7, Pleas of venison. A total of 16 entries recorded. The scribe provides a total of £15 15s 4d.

m. 7d, Pleas of venison. A total of 8 entries recorded, 1 of which has been struck through because noted elsewhere. The scribe provides a total of £7 3s 4d.

m. 8, Responses of forest officials to articles concerning the state of the forest. A second hand has added the words 'for venison'. A total of 21 entries recorded, all of which do indeed relate to offences against the venison. 1 of the entries has been struck through. The scribe provides a total of £11 13s 4d; At the bottom of the membrane a list of the verderers has been started, but the heading and the single name recorded have been struck through.

m. 8d, Details of townships amerced for erecting hedges contrary to the Assize. A total of 24 entries recorded. The total of £3 12s provided by the scribe for amercements is correct; Further responses of forest officials to articles concerning the state of the forest. A total of 20 entries recorded, dealing with offences from the keeping of goats in the forest to the burdening of bailiwicks with excess foresters. The scribe provides a total of £12 14s.

m. 9, List of mainpernors who failed to ensure that those for whom they stood surety appeared before the justices on the first day of proceedings. A total of 106 entries recorded. The total of £3 15s 8d provided by the scribe for amercements is correct.

m. 9d, List of mainpernors who failed to ensure that those for whom they stood surety appeared before the justices on the first day of proceedings. A total of 10 entries recorded. The scribe adds 16s to the sum recorded on the previous membrane to produce an overall total of £4 11s 8d; Amercements levied on sheriffs. A total of 5 entries recorded. The scribe provides a total of £7; Proceeds from forfeitures in Nottinghamshire. A total of 12 entries



recorded. The total of £7 8d provided by the scribe is correct; Details of an inquiry into the revenues which foresters should be allowed to appropriate in order to sustain themselves.

mm. 10-10d, Names of those indicted for offences against the venison, together with their mainpernors. A total of 100 entries recorded, with 572 mainpernors.

m. 11, List of amercements levied on those convicted before the attachment courts of offences against the vert to the value of more than 4d. A total of 128 amercements recorded. A further entry has been struck through. Payments amount to £13 13s 8d [This differs from the scribal total].

m. 11d, List of amercements levied on those convicted before the attachment courts of offences against the vert to the value of more than 4d. A total of 124 amercements recorded, amounting to £11 8d [For membranes 11d-13d the scribal total is correct].

m. 12, List of amercements levied on those convicted before the attachment courts of offences against the vert to the value of more than 4d. A total of 147 amercements recorded, amounting to £13 4s.

m. 12d, List of amercements levied on those convicted before the attachment courts of offences against the vert to the value of more than 4d. A total of 152 amercements recorded, amounting to £10 15s 6d.

m. 13, List of amercements levied on those convicted before the attachment courts of offences against the vert to the value of more than 4d. A total of 124 amercements recorded, amounting to £12 17s 6d.

m. 13d, List of amercements levied on those convicted before the attachment courts of offences against the vert to the value of more than 4d. A total of 99 amercements recorded, amounting to £8 8s 2d.

m. 14, Amercements for offences against the vert. A total of 78 amercements recorded. The total of £5 11s 6d provided by the scribe is correct; Amercements for offences against the vert committed at night. A total of 51 amercements recorded. It is impossible to check the scribe's total of £1 18s 3d because of damage to the membrane.

m. 14d, Amercements for offences against the vert committed at night. A total of 69 amerancements recorded. The total of £3 8s provided by the scribe for amerancements is correct.

m. 15, Payments from verderers for the value of vert destroyed, and the failure to produce their rolls. A total of 63 entries recorded for the years 15 Edward I - 8 Edward III (1286-7 to 1334-5), with payments amounting to £100 8s 8d. There are entries for the vert for each of the above years, but the verderers failed to produce their rolls on only 14 occasions.

m. 15d, Payments from verderers for farm animals seized in the forest. A total of 18 entries recorded, 3 dating from the reign of Edward I, 7 from that of Edward II and 8 from that of Edward III; Payments for farm animals seized in the forest for which the verderers are not responsible. A total of 11 entries recorded. The total of £26 2s 6d provided by the scribe for the whole membrane is correct.

mm. 16-17, Amercements levied on those responsible for removing timber from the forest. A total of 382 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £13 11s 2d [this differs slightly from the total provided by the scribe].

m. 17d, Fines paid by those indicted for extracting timber from the forest, as presented by the regards. The 4 entries recorded on this membrane have all been struck through.

mm. 18-19, Fines paid by those indicted for extracting timber from the forest, as presented by the regards. A total of 238 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £64 5s 8d [this differs slightly from the total provided by the scribe].

m. 19d, Blank.

m. 20, Enrolment of the regard. Names of 12 regards. There is a list of 23 old assarts, 2 of which have been struck through.

m. 20d, Enrolment of the regard. There is a list of 18 old assarts, 1 of which has been struck through, and 12 new assarts.

m. 21, Enrolment of the regard. There is a list of 21 new assarts, 4 of which have been struck through.

m. 21d, Enrolment of the regard. There is a list of 11 old purprestures, 1 of which has been struck through, and 15 new purprestures.

m. 22, Enrolment of the regard. There is a list of 30 wastes, 1 of which has been struck through.

m. 22d, Enrolment of the regard. There is a list of 15 wastes, 2 of which have been struck through. Details of the metes and bounds of the king's wood of 'Bullwell', resulting from a claim. An inquiry into the claims of the prior of Newstead and a note that the regards have been amerced for, among other things, the concealment of information.

m. 23, The Pipe Roll of 38 Henry III (1253-4) contained information as to the arrentation of the Nottinghamshire wastes at the court of Geoffrey de Langley. Subsequent sheriffs have been answerable for the same annual payments. Details of the arrented wastes, with payments amounting to £4 4s, are recorded; The Pipe Roll of 17 Edward I (128-9) contained information as to the arrentation of wastes at the court of William de Vescy. Details of the arrented wastes, with payments amounting to £2 2s 4d, are recorded; Details of 3 assarts, dating from 10 Edward II (1316-17), for which John de Crumbwell is responsible. Payments amount to 12s 8d.

m. 23d, Blank.

m. 24, [This membrane has been labelled 23a]. Letter patent addressed to Harsculphus de Cleasby and Richard Oysel appointing them to arrent wastes and sell wood to the value of £2000. They arrented a total of 489½ acres to the annual value of £10 11d. The membrane also outlines the benefits that landholders might expect to receive in return for the payment of rent.

m. 24d, Blank.

m. 25, Agistment in the forests and hays of Nottinghamshire for the years 14-34 Edward I (1285-6 to 1305-6) and 1 Edward II - 7 Edward III (1307-8 to 1233-4), with payments amounting to £153 9s 3d [this differs from the total provided by the scribe].

m. 25d, Account of the hay of Beskwood presented by the constable of Nottingham castle and others. For many of the constables there is no information as to their period in office, and consequently the revenues for

which they should account. However, Robert de Crophill paid a fine of £10 for the period 11 March 1 Edward III - 5 August 2 Edward III (1327-8 to 1328-9) and Richard de Strelley accounted for £3 9s; Agistment in the hay of Beskwood from the last eyre in the reign of Edward I to 8 Edward III (1287-1334-5), with payments amounting to £56 4d.

mm. 26-27d, Enrolment of claims, 17 in total.

mm. 28-28d, Enrolment of charters, 10 in total.

m. 29, Enrolment of pardons for offences against the vert and venison. A total of 11 such pardons recorded.

m. 29d, Enrolment of pardons for offences against the vert and venison. A total of 7 such pardons recorded; Enrolment of charters, 2 in total.

mm. 30-30d, Enrolment of charters, 15 in total.

mm. 31-31d, Enrolment of attorneys. A total of 40 entries recorded.

m. 32, Enrolment of commissions and charters, 55 in total.

m. 32d, Blank

## **ACCOUNT**

E 372/181 [1337], Rot. 17 m. 2d; E 372/182 [1338], Rot. 24 mm. 1d-2d and Rot. 34 m. 1d; E 372/184 [1340], Rot. 28 m. 2, Rot. 29 m. 1 and Rot. 29 m. 1d; E 372/185 [1341], Rot. 38 m. 1d.

The single entry recorded on E 372/181 [1337] appears in the account for Warwickshire. Some of the entries are payments for the annual rent of assarts. There are significant amercements levied on the men and tenants of Queens Isabella and Philippa. Despite the delay in the recording of payments it is stated that the entries relate to the eyre of 1334.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £266 17s 1d.

## **Lancashire eyre**

### **Lancaster, 8 August 1334**

William le Blount, Henry de Hanbury, William Basset and Robert de Saddington.

## SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS

Writ of summons, dated 12 June 1334, for an eyre to be held in the forests of Henry, earl of Lancaster (*CPR*, 1330-4, 552). On 16 August 1334 John de Haverington the elder and John de Hornby the elder are commissioned (*CPR*, 1334-8, 4) and on 20 August 1335 Richard atte Pole and William de Clapham are associated with the other justices (*CPR*, 1330-4, 552). Finally, on 8 May 1336 Robert de Hungerford is added to the list (*CPR*, 1334-8, 261). The date of the commencement of the eyre is vouched for by the plea roll, but the above information seems to suggest it continued intermittently for some time.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A letter of 15 August 1334 notes the appointment of attorneys for the eyre (SC 1/42, no. 171).

## PLEA ROLL

DL 39/1/17

[This eyre is noted in *V.C.H. Lancashire*, ii, p. 444].

m. 1, Records the appointment of the justices in eyre to hear pleas of the forest in Lancashire, at the request of Henry, duke of Lancaster. They are to deal with matters that have arisen since the pleas held by the previous duke, Edmund; Essoins. A total of 7 entries. All of the named individuals are dead and their mainpernors have correctly fulfilled their responsibilities; List of verderers in Derbyshire. 2 verderers are named, together with their replacements.

m. 1d, List of verderers. 2 verderers are named in Amounderness and 2 in Lonsdale. Replacements are named in 3 instances. List of foresters in Lonsdale and Amounderness. The list begins with a note of the claim of a forester in fee in Lonsdale. 15 foresters are then named, 12 of whom no longer fulfil their duties. The 3 current foresters state that they and their predecessors have no duty to present rolls before the justices, rather this is the responsibility of the verderers; List of foresters in West Derby. 12

foresters are named, 9 of whom no longer fulfil their duties. The 3 current foresters make the same claim as their counterparts in Lonsdale and Amounderness. List of verderers in Lonsdale since the last eyre. 6 verderers are named, 2 currently in office. 1 newly elected verderer is named as a replacement.

mm. 2-2d, Claims in the forest of Lancashire. A total of 5 entries recorded, 3 of which are listed above the relevant heading.

m. 3, Claims heard at Lancaster on 26 September 1334. A total of 3 entries recorded.

m. 3d, Claims heard at Lancaster on 26 September 1334. A total of 4 entries recorded, 1 of which replicates an entry on m. 3 above.

m. 4, Claims heard at Lancaster on 26 September 1334. A total of 2 entries recorded, both of which replicate entries on m. 2 above.

m. 4d, List of 3 charters relating to the claim of the burgesses of Lancaster.

m. 5, Claims heard at Lancaster on 26 September 1334. A total of 4 entries recorded, 1 of which replicates an entry on m. 3 above.

m. 5d, Claims heard at Lancaster on 26 September 1334. The single entry recorded on this membrane replicates an entry on m. 2d above. It concludes on an additional piece of parchment attached to the bottom of the membrane.

m. 6, Claims heard at Lancaster on 26 September 1334. A total of 3 entries recorded, 1 of which replicates an entry on m. 3d above.

m. 6d, Claims heard at Lancaster on 26 September 1334. A total of 2 entries recorded, both of which replicate entries on m. 5 above.

m. 7, List of jurors in Lonsdale, Amounderness and West Derby, 16, 15 and 12 respectively; There is also a list of 15 jurors with responsibility for the whole forest; Pleas of venison. A total of 15 entries recorded, 4 of which appear on an additional piece of parchment attached to the bottom of the membrane.

m. 7d, Pleas of venison. A total of 5 entries recorded, 2 of which are ascribed to Amounderness; There is then a note to the effect that, on payment of a 500 mark (£333 6s 8d) fine by the forest dwellers of Lancashire, all pleas will be held over until 5 weeks after Easter next; The next set of entries on this

membrane are of the later date. There is a note of the names of 55 individuals exacted on 5 occasions for offences against the venison and thus outlawed. Their chattels and land are to be assessed and seized; The 2 West Derby verderers have failed to attend before the justices and are distrained to appear on 11 September 1335; Records the association of Richard atte Pole and William de Clapham with the justices in eyre; Further note of the attachment and distraint of the West Derby verderers; Records the association of Robert de Hungerford with the justices in eyre. The last 3 entries are recorded on an additional piece of parchment attached to the bottom of the membrane.

mm. 8d-8d, Names of those indicted for offences against the vert and venison, together with their mainpernors. A total of 42 entries recorded, with 165 mainpernors.

m. 9, List of townships within the bounds of the forest of Lancashire. A total of 104 townships listed, 42 in West Derby, 44 in Amounderness and 18 in Lonsdale; There follows a list of 79 individuals, identified as participants in inquisitions.

m. 9d, List of verderers since the last eyre. 7 verderers are named in Lonsdale, 7 in Amounderness and 10 in West Derby. In each case the individuals responsible for presenting the rolls are specified.

m. 10, Further list of verderers. 7 verderers are named in Lonsdale and 10 in West Derby. In each case the personnel are the same as recorded on the previous membrane; List of the keepers of the forests since the last eyre. The names of 14 individuals are listed.

m. 10d, List of the keepers of the forest since the last eyre. A further 4 individuals named, including the current keeper; Claims in the forest of Lancaster. A total of 12 entries recorded, 10 of which replicate entries on mm. 2-3d and m. 6. 1 of the 2 completely new entries is in French; Details of the appointment of 2 attorneys.

PLEA ROLL FRAGMENT

E 32/52

The justices are only concerned with claims to liberties.

m. 1, Records the association of Richard de Hungerford with the justices eyre in a letter patent dated 8 May 1336. Claims to liberties heard before William le Blount, Robert de Hungerford, William Basset and William de Clapham (*sic*) on 27 May 1336. The claims were first put before the justices 8 August 1334. A total of 2 entries recorded [drawn from mm. 1 and 3d of DL 39/1/17].

m. 1d, Blank.

mm. 2-3, Claims to liberties. A total of 4 entries recorded [drawn from mm. 2-3 of DL 39/1/17].

m. 3d, Blank.

### **Yorkshire eyre (Pickering Forest)**

**Pickering, 6 October 1334**

Richard de Willoughby, Robert de Hungerford and John de Hanbury

#### **SUMMONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

Letters of 12 June 1334 record the appointment of Richard de Willoughby, Robert de Aston, Robert de Saddington and John de Hanbury as justices in eyre for pleas of the forest in Pickering. Proceedings were due to commence at Pickering on 15 August 1334 (*CPR*, 1334-8, 551-2).

A series of letters records arrangements for an eyre in the remaining forests of Yorkshire. There is a writ of summons, dated 14 July 1334, for an eyre in the forests of Yorkshire to be held at York on 3 November 1334 before Ralph de Neville, Richard de Aldborough and Peter de Middleton (*CPR*, 1330-4, 561). A letter of 25 October 1334 associates Geoffrey le Scrope with the original justices (*CPR*, 1334-8, 37) and a letter of 26 October 1335 notes that Thomas de Hepscott has been commissioned in place of the recently deceased Peter de Middleton (*CPR*, 1334-8, 174). There were clearly problems, however, as is evident from the numerous letters addressed to the justices, ordering them to postpone the eyre from one date to another down



to 30 April 1340 (*CCR*, 1333-7, 708; *CCR*, 1337-9, 110, 390, 618; *CCR*, 1339-41, 257).

#### PLEA ROLL

[Turton provides a transcription and partial translation of a plea roll copied into the Coucher Book (Turton, ii, pp. 49-200), together with numerous documents generated during the course of the eyre. It is clear that pleas were still being heard as late as 15 September 1338, although it should be noted that the court was not in continuous session. It is also worth recording that there were separate sittings in order to deal with pleas in the liberty of the abbot of Whitby. This eyre is also recorded in *V.C.H. Yorkshire*, i, pp. 513-5. ]

#### **Cheshire eyre**

##### **Chester, 6 November 1347**

Thomas de Ferrers, Roger de Hopwell and John de Macclesfield

#### SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS

Letters of 26 October and 1 November 1347 record the appointment of Thomas de Ferrers and John de Macclesfield as justices in eyre. The eyre is commissioned 'inasmuch as the prince's forests in the county .. are for the greater part wasted and destroyed' (*Register of Edward, the Black Prince* (4 vols., 1930-3), i, 134, 139-40).

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A letter of 31 October 1347 refers to the costs of the justices in eyre for pleas of the forest (*Black Prince's Register*, i, 137).

#### PLEA ROLL

DL 39/1/19

[This eyre is noted in *V.C.H. Chester*, ii, 170].

John de Macclesfield's roll.

Pleas of the forest in Wirrall and Delamere and Mondrem.

m. 1, Pleas of the vert in Wirrall forest. A total of 4 entries recorded, listing 24 separate pleas.

m. 1d, Pleas of the vert in Wirrall forest. A total of 4 entries recorded, listing 29 separate pleas.

m. 2, Pleas of the vert in Wirrall forest. A total of 4 entries recorded, listing 23 separate pleas.

m. 2d, Pleas of the vert in Wirrall forest. A total of 6 entries recorded, listing 14 separate pleas.

m. 3, Pleas of the vert in Wirrall forest. A total of 6 entries recorded, listing 13 separate pleas.

m. 3d, Pleas of the vert in Wirrall forest. A total of 7 entries recorded, listing 13 separate pleas.

m. 4, Pleas of the vert in Wirrall forest. A total of 3 entries recorded, listing 10 separate pleas; Pleas of the vert in Delamere and Mondrem forest. A total of 4 entries recorded, listing 14 separate pleas.

m. 4d, Pleas of the vert in Wirrall forest. A total of 9 entries recorded, listing 25 separate pleas.

m. 5, Pleas of venison in Wirrall forest. Names of the forest warden and 7 foresters responsible for presenting the pleas. A total of 9 entries recorded, 2 of which list 2 separate pleas.

m. 5d, Pleas of venison in Wirrall forest. A total of 3 entries recorded, 2 of which list 2 separate pleas; Pleas of the vert in Wirrall forest. A total of 2 entries recorded, listing 15 separate pleas; Payments levied on those guilty of making excessive claims. A total of 4 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £3 13s 4d.

m. 6, Pleas of the vert in Delamere and Mondrem forest. A total of 6 entries recorded, listing 12 separate pleas.

m. 6d, Pleas of the vert in Delamere and Mondrem forest. A total of 6 entries recorded, listing 12 separate pleas.

m. 7, Pleas of the vert in Delamere and Mondrem forest. A total of 6 entries recorded, listing 10 separate pleas.

m. 7d, Blank.

m. 8, Pleas of the vert in Delamere and Mondrem forest. The heading at the top of this membrane is in fact a little misleading. The 3 entries recorded outline the depredations of the forest officials, most of which are indeed pleas of the vert, but some of which involve offences against the venison. The 3 entries list 19 separate pleas, only 12 of which involve offences against the vert.

m. 8d, Further offences of the forest officials. A total of 2 entries recorded, listing 9 pleas of the vert and 5 pleas of venison.

m. 9, Pleas of venison in Delamere and Mondrem forest. Names of the forest warden and 7 foresters responsible for presenting the pleas. A total of 6 entries recorded, listing 9 separate pleas.

m. 9d, Names of those guilty of making excessive claims. The 4 entries fitting this description have already appeared on m. 5d above.

m. 10, Regard of Wirrall forest. Names of 12 regards. There is a list of 1 assart and 14 purprestures. 5 of the entries have an additional clause relating to the creation of marl-pits.

m. 10d, Regard of Wirrall forest. There is a list of 18 purprestures, 2 of which have an additional clause relating to the creation of marl-pits, while 3 relate to the digging of turf.

m. 11, Regard of Wirrall forest. There is a list of 21 purprestures.

m. 11d, Regard of Wirrall forest. There is a list of 22 purprestures, 4 of which have an additional clause as above, while 13 relate to the digging of turf.

m. 12, Regard of Wirrall forest. There is a list of 18 purprestures, all of which relate to the cutting of turf.

m. 12d, Regard of Wirrall forest. There is a list of 16 purprestures, 1 of which has an additional clause as above, while 14 relate to the digging of turf.

m. 13, Regard of Delamere and Mondrem forest. There is a list of 13 purprestures of varying types, 1 of which relates to the cutting of turf, and 2 wastes.

m. 13d, Regard of Delamere and Mondrem forest. There is a list of 14 purprestures, 9 of which relate to the cutting of turf, and 1 waste.

- m. 14, Regard of Delamere and Mondrem forest. There is a list of 16 purprestures.
- m. 14d, Regard of Delamere and Mondrem forest. There is a list of 16 purprestures, 7 of which relate to the cutting of turf.
- m. 15, Regard of Delamere and Mondrem forest. There is a list of 18 purprestures, 12 of which relate to the cutting of turf.
- m. 15d, Regard of Delamere and Mondrem forest. There is a list of 15 purprestures, 5 of which relate to the cutting of turf, and 3 entries relating to the illegal acquisition of payments for pannage.
- mm. 16-25d, Claims in Wirral, Delamere and Mondrem forests. A total of 99 entries recorded, 2 of which have been cancelled, while 1 simply duplicates an earlier entry. Several of the entries list more than 1 related claim.
- m. 26, Enrolment of charters, 31 in total.

## COPY ROLL

### CHES 33/3

This roll is badly faded and difficult to read in places.

- mm. 1-1d, Regard of Wirral forest before Thomas de Ferrers. Names of 12 regarders. There is a list of approximately 66 assarts and purprestures [drawn from mm. 10-12d of DL 39/1/19].
- mm. 2-2d, Regard of Wirral forest before H. de Ferrers 14 Edward III (1340). There is a list of 69 assarts and purprestures.
- m. 3, Details of those bailed to appear before the next justices in eyre. A total of 2 such entries recorded. Pleas of venison in Wirral forest. A total of 6 entries recorded.
- m. 3d, There is a list of 5 wastes and 1 plea of venison in Wirral forest.
- mm. 4-4d, Regard of Delamere and Mondrem forest before Thomas de Ferrers. There is a list of approximately 53 assarts, wastes and purprestures [drawn from mm. 13-15d of DL 39/1/19].
- mm. 5-5d, Regard of Wirral forest before William de Elynton 5 Edward III (1331). There is a list of 86 assarts, wastes and purprestures. There is a note

at the end of this membrane that the wood of a forester in fee has been seized into the king's hands as a result of his offences against the vert.

### **1348 Eyre**

In addition to the Northamptonshire eyre of 1348 a writ of summons was issued on 30 January 1348 for an eyre in the forests of Buckinghamshire (*CCR*, 1346-9, 489 and *CPR*, 1348-50, 8). Pleas were to be heard before Thomas de Braose, Gilbert de Imworth, John de Macclesfield and Henry de Kersey, while Thomas de Fencote was associated with the original justices on 8 May 1348 (*CPR*, 1348-50, 152). Letters concerning the eyre are recorded as late as 20 December 1348 (*CPR*, 1348-50, 228) but no revenue is recorded on the pipe rolls.

### **Northamptonshire eyre**

**Northampton, 31 March 1348 or 25 August 1348<sup>148</sup>**

Thomas de Braose, Gilbert de Imworth, John de Macclesfield, Henry de Kersey and Thomas de Fencote.

### **SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS**

Writ of summons, dated 30 January 1348, for an eyre in the forests of Northamptonshire, to be held 24 March 1348 (*CCR*, 1346-9, 489). The appointment of the justices is also recorded on the patent roll in a letter of the same date (*CPR*, 1348-50, 8). A letter of 13 March 1348 orders the justices to hold the first day of the session over until after Easter, that is 20 April (*CCR*, 1346-9, 505). Finally, on 8 May 1348, Thomas de Fencote is associated with the 4 original justices (*CPR*, 1348-50, 152).

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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<sup>148</sup> Roll E 32/112 gives a date of 25 August 1348, while roll E 32/113 gives a date of 31 March 1348.

Thomas de Eakring, king's clerk, is appointed to the custody of the rolls and writs relating to the eyre (*CPR*, 1348-50, 9). Letters of 6 October and 6 November 1348 order the justices not to molest John Moleyns for any offences he may have committed (*CCR*, 1346-9, 592, 602). Notification of a writ close relating to John Moleyns is also recorded on the patent roll (*CPR*, 1348-50, 228).

## PLEA ROLL

### E 32/112

Thomas de Braose's roll.

m. 1, Records the appointment of the justices in eyre to hear pleas of the forest. A schedule is attached to the left hand edge of the membrane, but it is virtually impossible to read.

m. 1d, Blank.

m. 2, Pleas of venison in Whittlewood forest. Names of the keeper of the forest, his attorney and 2 verderers responsible for presenting the pleas. A total of 2 pleas recorded.

m. 2d, Blank.

m. 3, Pleas of the vert in Whittlewood forest. A total of 4 entries recorded, all of which detail more than 1 offence.

m. 3d, Blank.

m. 4, [This membrane is very much shorter than the others which constitute the roll]. Pleas of venison in Salcey forest. Names of the keeper of the forest and 3 verderers responsible for presenting the pleas. A single entry is recorded under this heading.

m. 4d, Blank.

m. 5, Pleas of the vert in Salcey forest. A total of 5 entries recorded, the last 2 on an additional piece of parchment attached to the bottom of the membrane..

m. 5d, Blank.

m. 6, Pleas of the vert in Rockingham forest. A total of 3 entries recorded.

m. 6d, Blank.

m. 7, Pleas of venison in Rockingham forest. Names of the keeper of the forest, his attorney, 4 foresters and 6 verderers responsible for presenting the pleas. A total of 3 entries recorded.

m. 7d, Pleas of the venison in Rockingham forest. A single further entry is recorded.

## PLEA ROLL

### E 32/113

m. 1, Essoins; A total of 18 entries recorded, 10 for Whittlewood forest, 2 for Salcey and 6 for Rockingham.

m. 1d, Blank.

m. 2, Pleas of venison in Whittlewood. A total of 3 entries recorded [2 of which appear on m. 2 of E 32/112]. An additional piece of parchment is attached to the left hand edge of the membrane. It records a letter patent of 21 May 1348 addressed to the 4 justices above, associating Thomas de Fencote with them and laying down certain conditions for their inquiry

m. 2d, Blank.

m. 3, Pleas of the vert in Whittlewood forest [as m. 3 of E 32/112].

m. 3d, Blank.

m. 4, [This membrane is very much shorter than the others which constitute the roll]. Pleas of venison in Salcey forest [as m. 4 of E 32/112].

m. 4d, Blank.

m. 5-5d, Pleas of the vert in Salcey forest. A total of 5 pleas recorded [as m. 5 of E 32/112].

## PLEA ROLL FRAGMENT

### E 32/111

This 'roll' deals with a single case heard by the justices in eyre for pleas of the forest in Northamptonshire

mm. 1-1d, Records the association of Thomas de Fencote with the 4 original justices and the case brought by the prior of Cotterstock against 31 named individuals.

mm. 2-2d, A repeat, on a subsequent occasion, of the case reported on mm. 1-1d above.

mm. 3-3d, A repeat, on a subsequent occasion, of the case reported on mm. 1-1d above.

## ESTREAT ROLL

E 32/266

Thomas de Braose's roll.

Details of fines, issues and amercements concerning the forests, dating from the Northamptonshire eyre of 1348.

m. 1, Payments relating to pannage and tree stumps. A total of 9 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £14 13s 4d. The entries refer to Whittlewood and Salcey forests and are more varied than the membrane heading would suggest; 3 deal with pannage, 2 with tree stumps, 3 with the sale or destruction of wood and 1 with the seizure of a private wood for waste.  
m. 1d, Blank.

mm. 2-2d, [An additional piece of parchment is attached to the bottom of the membrane]. Enrolment of fines paid by mainpernors in the forests of Rockingham, Salcey and Whittlewood. A total of 129 entries recorded, with payments amounting to approximately £9 10s 1d [part of the membrane is missing]. The scribe provides a total of £9 11s 7d at the bottom of m. 2. There is also an entry recording a fine of £10 paid by the abbess of Burnham for various offences against the vert and the recovery of her wood of Silverstone.

m. 3, Amercements for defaults, specifically the failure to appear on the first day of proceedings. A total of 52 entries recorded, 42 from Rockingham and 10 from Salcey and Whittlewood, with amercements amounting to £28 3s 4d [The scribe provides a total of £28 20d].

m. 3d, There is a heading proceeds of the forest belonging to the prior of Cotterstock, but no further entries listed.

m. 4, Amercements levied on the officials of Salcey and Whittlewood forests and 24 jurors for failing to respond satisfactorily to the Articles of the Forest. A total of 40 entries recorded, with amercements amounting to £16 10s [This is



the total provided by the scribe]; At the end of the membrane there is a list of 4 fines for miscellaneous offences, amounting to £69 6s 8d.

m. 4d, Amercements levied on the sheriff of Buckinghamshire for failing to return writs. A total of 4 entries recorded, amounting to £8 [partially obscured by a large cross on the membrane, suggesting that they have been cancelled]; Amercements levied on those sworn in for the presentation of the Articles. A total of 4 entries recorded, with payments amounting to 8s.

m. 5, Enrolment of the cost of damage to the hays, woods and parks of Rockingham forest. There are 25 entries for the regard of 22 Edward III (1248-9), with payments amounting to £15 2s 10d; 36 entries for the regard of 7-17 Edward III (1333-4 to 1343-4), with payments amounting to £11 17s 4d; and 22 entries for the regard of 17-20 Edward III (1343-4 to 1346-7), with payments amounting to £2 3s 10d.

m. 5d, Enrolment of the cost of damage to the hays, woods and parks of Salcey and Whittlewood. There are 4 entries for the regard of 19 Edward III (1345-6), with payments amounting to £8 13s 4d; and 8 entries for the regard of 22 Edward III (1348-9), with payments amounting to £10 18s 8d; Enrolment of the cost of damage to the hays, woods and parks of Rockingham forest. A total of 15 entries recorded, with payments amounting to 18s 6d [fines of £2 are interlined].

m. 6, Fines in Whittlewood forest. A total of 39 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £65 2s [this sum comprises payments for the value of damage and annual rent, as well as fines]. An additional 2 entries have been struck through. The scribal total is not visible

m. 6d, Fines in Salcey forest. A total of 37 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £16 16s 4d; Fines in Whittlewood forest. A total of 6 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £3 16s 8d.

mm. 7-7d, Fines in Rockingham forest. A total of 68 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £28 3s [the scribe provides a total of £27 9s 10d].

m. 8, Fines of forest officials in Rockingham, Salcey and Whittlewood forests. A total of 30 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £9 5s.

m. 8d, Blank.

m. 9, Amercements levied on regards in Salcey, Whittlewood and Rockingham forests. A total of 24 entries recorded, with no payments noted.

m. 9d, Amercements for defaults. A total of 60 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £1 7s 10d.

mm. 10-11, Record of fines, profits, amercements and payments for the value of damage caused in the forest of Queen Philippa in Northamptonshire. A total of 142 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £144 16s 4d. [An accurate scribal total is visible for mm. 10-10d only].

m. 11d, Blank.

## **ROLL OF CHARTERS**

**E 32/120**

John de Macclesfield's roll.

m. 1, Inspeximus of the perambulation of Salcey and Whittlewood forests 29 Edward I (1300-1).

m. 1d, Enrolment of charters, 2 in total.

m. 2, Inspeximus of a charter of the abbot of Pipewell.

m. 2d, Note that there are 11 rotulets listing charters for Rockingham forest.

mm. 3-11d, Enrolment of charters, 40 in total.

## **Hampshire and Wiltshire eyre**

**Salisbury, 16 March 1355 (Buckholt, Clarendon, Groveley and Milchet forests)**

Thomas de Braose, Richard de Willoughby, William de Thorpe and John Inkpen. The pipe roll names Thomas de Braose.

## **SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS**

Writ of summons, dated 20 January 1355, for an eyre in the forests of Buckholt, Clarendon, Groveley and Milchet (*CCR*, 1354-60, 50). The appointment of the justices is also recorded on the patent roll in a letter of the same date (*CPR*, 1354-8, 157). An additional letter of 1 October 1355

associates Henry Esturmy and Walter de Haywood with the original justices. It is stated that it only requires 2 of them to be present for pleas to be heard, suggesting possible difficulties in the completion of the eyre (*CPR, 1354-8, 298*).

Evidently there were plans to hear pleas in all of the forests of Hampshire and Wiltshire: there is a writ of summons, dated 24 August 1356, for an eyre in Chute forest, in both Hampshire and Wiltshire, and all the forests of Hampshire except Buckholt (*CPR, 1354-8, 432*). Pleas were to be heard before Thomas de Braose, William de Thorpe, William de Fyfield, Henry Esturmy and John Inkpen. However, the writ was revoked and there is no evidence that such an eyre took place.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Peter atte Wode, king's clerk, is appointed to the custody of the rolls and writs relating to the eyre (*CPR, 1354-8, 157*). A letter of 18 February 1356 instructs the sheriff of Wiltshire to pay him £10 in this capacity (*CCR, 1354-60, 246*). There are 2 similar letters concerning the payment of £5 to Michael Skilling and Peter atte Wode for 20 days' attendance on the justices in eyre. Finally the sheriff is ordered to pay Henry Esturmy 5s a day for the 35 days of his service (*CCR, 1354-60, 272*).

#### PLEA ROLL

E 32/267

Pleas of the forests of Buckholt, Clarendon, Groveley and Milchet.

m. 1, Appearances. The names of 37 individuals are listed; Amercements for defaults. A total of 20 amerancements recorded. Unfortunately the amounts of the amerancements are not visible on this or the copy document below;

Essoins. A total of 3 entries recorded; There is also a note regarding the production of rolls before the justices. Thomas de Braose, custodian of the forests around Trent, presented all of the relevant rolls from his period in office on the first day of proceedings. This was not the case with regard to his predecessor, John Mautravers. The sheriff was ordered to seize all the latter's

goods and lands until such time as he should come before the court to answer for his custodianship. Mautravers came before the justices as required and stated that, in the fourth year of Edward's reign, he had been appointed justice in eyre for pleas of the forest in Wiltshire in association with Robert de Aspley, knight, Hugh de Hanslope, clerk, and William de Robertsbridge. He presented all the necessary rolls at that time and should not therefore be called upon a second time. The justices accepted his explanation and he was held to be quit before the court.

m. 1d, Blank.

m. 2, Fines of offenders and their mainpernors, where the former did not appear before the justices as pledged. A total of 15 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £2 14s 4d; Amercements levied on the sheriff. A total of 3 amerancements recorded, amounting to £1 6s 8d; Amercements levied on townships failing to attend with full powers. A total of 2 amerancements recorded, amounting to 2s.

m. 2d, Blank.

m. 3, Fines paid by verderers and regards failing to produce their rolls. A total of 37 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £11 13s.

m. 3d, Fines paid by, or on behalf of, hundred bailiffs for the recovery of bailiwicks seized into the king's hands for default. A total of 12 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £3 2s; Fines for markets held within the forest bounds during the eyre. There is a single entry recorded under this heading, with a payment of 13s 4d; Fines for claims made after the assigned day, for altered claims or for the recovery of liberties seized into the king's hands. A total of 24 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £13 6s 8d.

m. 4, Fines relating to the sale of bread and meat contrary to the Assize. A total of 108 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £5 8s; Fines levied on hostlers. A total of 5 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £4 13s 4d; Fines levied on butchers. A total of 16 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £31; Fines levied on cooks. A total of 8 entries recorded, with payments amounting to 16s; Fines levied on fishermen and fishmongers. A total of 14 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £24

10s; Fines levied on sellers of freshwater fish. A total of 3 entries listed, with payments amounting to £2 13s 4d; Fines levied on taverners. There is a single entry listed under this heading, with a payment of £1 6s 8d.

m. 4d, Blank.

m. 5, Pleas of venison. A total of 7 entries recorded.

m. 5d, Pleas of venison. A total of 5 entries recorded.

m. 6, Pleas of venison. A total of 9 entries recorded.

m. 6d, Pleas of venison. A total of 8 entries recorded.

m. 7, Pleas of the vert. A total of 8 entries recorded, a number of which list more than 1 offence. They are mainly concerned with the depredations of forest officials.

m. 7d, Pleas of the vert as above. A total of 4 entries recorded.

m. 8, Pleas of venison. A total of 12 entries recorded.

m. 8d, Pleas of venison. A total of 14 entries recorded.

m. 9, Pleas of venison. A total of 12 entries recorded.

m. 9d, Pleas of venison. A total of 4 entries recorded.

m. 10d, Pleas of venison. A total of 10 entries recorded.

m. 11, Pleas of venison. A total of 8 entries recorded.

mm. 11-11d, Offences committed by forest officials against both the vert and the venison. A total of 20 entries recorded, the majority of which relate to the activities of Egidius de Beauchamp, the former custodian of the forest of Clarendon.

m. 12, Pleas of the vert. A total of 27 entries recorded.

m. 12d, Pleas of the vert. A total of 18 entries recorded.

m. 13, Agistment of Clarendon. A total of 3 entries recorded, with payments amounting to £2 17s 4d, but no information is provided as to the year;

Information relating to the possession of pigs in the forest. A total of 2 entries recorded, naming 6 individuals. Payments amount to £4 8s; Information relating to woods wasted. There is a single entry recorded under this heading; Information relating to purprestures. There is a single entry recorded under this heading; Payments relating to the capture of rabbits and hares. A total of 5 entries recorded, amounting to £2 6s 8d; Fines for offences relating to

herbage. There is a single entry listed under this heading, with a payment of £1; Fines for miscellaneous forest offences, namely aiding a malefactor and the misappropriation of forest proceeds. Payments amount to £1 1s 8d.

m. 13d, Case of a breach of the peace in the presence of the justices; Further breaches of the peace. A total of 2 cases recorded, both involving assaults on forest officials; Transgressions involving the king's marl pits. There is a single entry recorded under this heading, with a payment of £2.

m. 14, Regard of Buckholt forest. Names of 12 regards. There is a list of 20 old assarts, 1 old purpresture, 1 new waste and 8 old wastes. At the bottom of the membrane it is noted that all but 1 of the above-mentioned woods are now outside the forest as a result of the perambulation.

m. 14d, Blank.

m. 15, Regard of Clarendon, Groveley and Milchet forests. Names of 12 regards. There is a list of 27 purprestures and 14 old wastes.

m. 15d, Blank.

mm. 16-16d, Extent of foresters' holdings seized into the king's hands by Thomas de Braose at Clarendon on 25 November 1354. The forests of Clarendon, Groveley, Buckholt and Milchet are all affected. A total of 17 entries recorded, detailing the profits that might be expected to accrue to the king. A further entry has been struck through.

mm. 17-21d, Claims to liberties within the forest. A total of 56 entries recorded.

m. 22, Return of confiscated land. A total of 4 entries recorded.

m. 22d, Blank.

mm. 23-24, Enrolment of charters, 2 in total. Both charters describe grants to the bishop of Winchester.

m. 24d, Blank.

m. 25, Enrolment of charters, 3 in total.

m. 25d, Blank.

mm. 26-26d, Enrolment of charters, 11 in total.

PLEA ROLL

## **E 32/268**

m. 1, [The first membrane of this roll is badly damaged, with much of the left hand side missing]. Appearances. The names of only 10 individuals are visible [drawn from m. 1 of E 32/267]; Essoins. A total of 3 entries recorded [as m. 1 of E 32/267]; Entries regarding the production of rolls before the justices [partially missing, but otherwise as E 32/267].

m. 1d, Fines paid by, or on behalf of, hundred bailiffs for the recovery of bailiwicks seized into the king's hands for default. A total of 12 entries recorded [as m. 3d of E 32/267]; Fines levied on victuallers. There is only 1 partially visible entry recorded under this heading [appears under the heading 'Taverners' on m. 4 of E 32/267]; Fines for markets held within the forest bounds during the eyre. A single entry recorded [as m. 3d of E 32/267].

mm. 2-5d, Pleas of venison. A total of 61 entries recorded [drawn from mm. 5, 6-6d, 8-8d and 9d-10d of E 32/267]. 3 further entries have been struck through.

m. 6-7d, Pleas of the vert. A total of 57 entries recorded [drawn from mm. 7-7d and 12-12d of E 32/267].

mm. 8-8d, Pleas of venison. A total of 13 entries recorded [drawn from mm. 5-6 of E 32/267].

mm. 9-9d, Offences committed by forest officials against both the vert and the venison. A total of 19 entries recorded [drawn from mm. 11-11d of E 32/267].

mm. 10-10d, Agistment of Clarendon, information relating to the possession of pigs in the forest, to woods wasted and to purprestures [as m. 13 of E 32/267].

m. 10d, Payments relating to the capture of rabbits and hares, fines for offences relating to herbage and for diverse forest offences [as m. 13 of E 32/267]; Fines for the recovery of woods wasted and subsequently taken into the king's hands. There is a single entry listed under this heading, which does not appear to have been drawn from E 32/267 above; Case of a breach of the peace in the presence of the justices [as m. 13d of E 32/267 above].

m. 11, Breaches of the peace and transgressions involving the king's marl pits [as m. 13d of E 32/267].

m. 11d, List of attorneys. A total of 22 entries recorded [there is no equivalent set of entries in E 32/267].

m. 12, Pleas of venison. A total of 15 entries recorded [drawn from mm. 8d-9 of E 32/267].

m. 12d, Metes and bounds of Clarendon, Groveley and Milchet forests [again there is no equivalent of these entries on E 32/267].

m. 13, Regard of Clarendon, Groveley and Milchet forests [as m. 15 of E 32/267].

m. 13d, Return of confiscated land [as m. 22 of E 32/267].

mm. 14-14d, Regard of Buckholt forest [as m. 14 of E 32/267, with the exception of the note regarding the status of woods].

mm. 15-15d, Extent of foresters' holdings seized into the king's hands by Thomas de Braose [as mm. 16-16d of E 32/267, with the exception of the cancelled entry].

m. 16, Enrolment of charters, 3 in total [drawn from mm. 26-26d of E 32/267].

m. 16d, Blank.

m. 17, Fines for claims made after the assigned day and the recovery of liberties seized into the king's hands. A total of 17 entries recorded [only 15 of which are drawn from m. 3d of E 32/267]; Amercements levied on the sheriff [as m. 2 of E 32/267].

m. 17d, Fines of offenders and their mainpernors. A total of 11 entries recorded [drawn from m. 2 of E 32/267]; Amercements levied on townships failing to attend with full powers. A total of 4 entries recorded [only 2 of which are drawn from m. 2 of E 32/267].

## ACCOUNT

E 372/200 [1355], Rot. 34 m. 2d; E 372/201 [1356], Rot. 27 m. 1 and Rot. 27 m. 1d; E 372/202 [1357], Rot. 28 m. 1d - Rot. 29 m. 2; E 372/203 [1358], Rot. 29 m. 2d.

The entries are divided between the Hampshire and Wiltshire accounts.

Total assessed revenue amounts to £511 8s.



## **Cheshire eyre (Wirral forest)**

**Chester, 25 September 1357**

Richard de Willoughby, Richard de Stafford, John de Delves and John de Brunham

### **SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS**

A letter of 26 June 1353 records the appointment of Richard de Willoughby and others unnamed as justices in eyre for pleas of the forest (*Black Prince's Register*, iii, 111). It would appear that this eyre, due to be held at Chester 19 August 1353, did not take place and the next visitation was not until 1357.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Letters dating from 5-16 September 1357 record preparations for the eyre. Interestingly the justices are warned that they may have to postpone the eyre because of fears 'that a great confederacy has been secretly made between a number of persons of the county ... as a result of which it is greatly feared that the inquisitions which must be taken ..... at the present sessions of the eyre of the forest will go against the prince' (*Black Prince's Register*, iii, 278).

### **PLEA ROLL**

**CHES 33/6**

[This eyre is noted in *V.C.H. Chester*, ii, 171].

m. 1, Appointment of the justices and common summons; Names of 12 regarders, 2 current and 2 former riding foresters, 6 current and 12 former foresters and 25 villages within the forest bounds.

m. 1d, Names of 41 further villages within the forest bounds; Pleas of the vert in Wirral forest. A total of 10 entries recorded, listing 40 separate pleas.

m. 2, Pleas of the vert in Wirral forest. A total of 7 entries recorded, listing 26 separate pleas.

m. 2d, Pleas of the vert in Wirral forest. A total of 3 entries recorded, listing 36 separate pleas.

m. 3, Pleas of the vert in Wirral forest. A total of 11 entries recorded, listing 16 separate pleas.

m. 3d, Pleas of the vert in Wirral forest. A total of 12 entries recorded, 2 of which deal with the possession of dogs in the forest.

m. 4, There is a list of 3 entries, 2 of which deal with failure to appear before the justices on the first day of proceedings and 1 with hare coursing;

Information relating to pigs found in the forest during the prohibited season.

Payments of £3 19s recorded; Pleas of venison in Wirral forest. A total of 10 entries recorded.

m. 4d, Pleas of venison in Wirral forest. There is a single entry which has been continued on an additional piece of parchment; 2 entries relating to periods during which passage is allowed through the forest.

m. 5, Regard of Wirral forest. Names of 1 forester in fee, 1 riding forester and 12 regards. There is a list of 17 assarts and purprestures.

m. 5d, Regard of Wirral forest. There is a list of 19 assarts and purprestures.

m. 6, Regard of Wirral forest. There is a list of 16 assarts and purprestures.

m. 6d, Regard of Wirral forest. There is a list of 20 assarts and purprestures.

m. 7, Regard of Wirral forest. There is a list of 18 assarts purprestures and wastes.

m. 7d, Regard of Wirral forest. There is a list of 19 assarts, wastes and purprestures.

m. 8, Regard of Wirral forest. There is a list of 21 assarts, wastes and purprestures.

m. 8d, Regard of Wirral forest. There is a list of 21 assarts, wastes and purprestures.

m. 9, [This membrane is damaged]. Regard of Wirral forest. There is a list of 23 assarts, wastes and purprestures.

m. 9d, Regard of Wirral forest. There is a list of 10 assarts, wastes and purprestures. At the end of this membrane there is a note that that all the men of the county came before the justices and produced a writ of the earl of the Chester allowing them to be quit of certain forest offences in return for the payment of £1000.

mm. 10-21d, Claims in Wirral forest. A total of 60 entries recorded, a number of which are continued on additional pieces of parchment [mm. 16d, 18d and 21d]. Several of the entries list more than 1 related claim.

mm. 22-35d, Eyre in Delamere and Mondrem forest.

mm. 36-46d, Eyre in Macclesfield forest.

mm. 47-52, Enrolment of charters in Wirral, Delamere and Mondrem and Macclesfield forest, 35 in total.

m. 52d, Blank.

m. 53, Names of attorneys in the forests of Wirral, Delamere and Mondrem and Macclesfield. A total of 36 entries recorded.

m. 53d, Names of attorneys in the forests of Wirral, Delamere and Mondrem. A total of 4 entries recorded; Names of attorneys appearing before the justices. A total of 19 entries recorded.

mm. 54-54d, Eyre in Delamere and Mondrem forest

mm. 55, Names of those paying for the recovery of land in Wirral forest, seized after the last regard. A total of 34 entries recorded.

m. 55d, Blank.

### **Cheshire eyre (Delamere and Mondrem forest)**

#### **Chester, 27 September 1357**

Richard de Willoughby, Richard de Stafford, John de Delves and John de Brunham junior.

#### **PLEA ROLL**

#### **CHES 33/6**

mm. 1-21d, Eyre in Wirral forest

m. 22, Appointment of the justices and common summons; Names of 3 foresters in fee, 3 subforesters, 13 former foresters, 2 current and 4 former riding foresters, 12 regards and 50 villages within the forest bounds. There are also details of 12 villages on the lands of the bishop of Coventry and

Lichfield and the earl of Chester and the special arrangements that apply to them.

m. 22d, Further details of villages on the lands of the above-mentioned earl and bishop; Pleas of the vert in Delamere and Mondrem forest. A total of 8 entries recorded; Pleas of venison in Delamere and Mondrem forest. A total of 2 entries recorded.

m. 23, Pleas of the vert in Delamere and Mondrem forest. There is a single entry, listing 54 separate pleas.

m. 23d, Pleas of venison in Delamere and Mondrem forest. There is a single entry, listing 11 separate pleas; Information relating to the taking of hares in the forest. There is a single entry, listing 9 separate offences.

m. 24, Regard of Delamere and Mondrem forest 2 September 1353. Names of 3 foresters in fee and 12 regards. There is a list of 14 assarts, wastes and purprestures in Mondrem.

m. 24d, Regard of Delamere and Mondrem forest. There is a list of 18 assarts, wastes and purprestures in Mondrem.

m. 25, Regard of Delamere and Mondrem forest. There is a list of 23 assarts, wastes and purprestures in Mondrem.

m. 25d, Regard of Delamere and Mondrem forest. There is a list of 24 assarts, wastes and purprestures in Mondrem.

m. 26, Regard of Delamere and Mondrem forest. There is a list of 10 assarts, wastes and purprestures in Mondrem.

m. 26d, Regard of Delamere and Mondrem forest. There is a list of 21 assarts, wastes and purprestures in Delamere.

m. 27, Regard of Delamere and Mondrem forest. There is a list of 23 assarts, wastes and purprestures in Delamere.

m. 27d, Regard of Delamere and Mondrem forest. There is a list of 18 assarts, wastes and purprestures in Delamere.

m. 28, Regard of Delamere and Mondrem forest. There is a list of 18 assarts, wastes and purprestures in Delamere.

m. 28d, Regard of Delamere and Mondrem forest. There is a list of 19 assarts, wastes and purprestures in Delamere.

m. 29, Regard of Delamere and Mondrem forest. There is a list of 4 assarts in the township of Thornton. There is also a note that crops sown on the assarted land belonging to the abbot of Chester and the abbot of Vale Royal.

m. 29d, There is a note that all the men of the county came before the justices and asked that they should be pardoned certain transgressions in return for the payment of £2000; At the end of the membrane a single entry has been recorded under the heading 'Pleas of the forest eyre before Richard de Willoughby and his associates at Chester'. It notes the arrangements made for the repayment of a £13 6s 8d debt.

mm. 30-35d, Claims in Delamere and Mondrem forest. A total of 29 entries recorded, a number of which are recorded on additional pieces of parchment [mm. 30, 31 and 33-33d]. Several of the entries list more than 1 related claim.

mm. 36-46d, Eyre in Macclesfield forest.

mm. 47-52, Enrolment of charters in Wirral, Delamere and Mondrem and Macclesfield forest, 35 in total.

m. 52d, Blank.

m. 53, Names of attorneys in the forests of Wirral, Delamere and Mondrem and Macclesfield. A total of 36 entries recorded.

m. 53d, Names of attorneys in the forests of Wirral, Delamere and Mondrem. A total of 4 entries recorded; Names of attorneys appearing before the justices in eyre. A total of 19 entries recorded.

mm. 54-54d, Names of those paying for the recovery of lands in Delamere and Mondrem forest seized into the king's hands, September 1353. A total of 27 entries recorded.

m. 55, Eyre in Wirral forest.

m. 55d, Blank.

### **Cheshire eyre (Macclesfield forest)**

#### **Macclesfield, 9 October 1357**

Richard de Willoughby, Richard de Stafford, John de Delves and John de Brunham

## PLEA ROLL

### CHES 33/6

mm. 1-21d, Eyre in Wirral forest.

mm. 22-35d, Eyre in Delamere and Mondrem forest.

m. 36 Appointment of the justices and commons summons; Names of 9 foresters in fee, 7 subforesters, 1 riding forester, 3 verderers, 3 agisters, 14 regarkers and 21 villages within the forest bounds.

m. 36d, Pleas of the vert in Macclesfield forest. There is a single entry, listing 17 separate pleas; Information relating to turbaries in the forest. There is a single entry, listing 3 separate infractions; Details of hares caught in the forest. There is a single entry, listing 4 separate infractions; Single entry relating to pigs in the forest; Payments related to the stripping of bark from trees in the forest. There is a single entry, listing 5 separate infractions.

m. 37, Pleas of venison in Macclesfield forest. There is a single entry, listing 12 separate pleas; Information relating to the expeditation of dogs. There is a single entry, listing 95 separate infractions.

m. 37d, Details of those in possession of dogs and failing to bring them forward for expeditation. There is a single entry, naming 30 separate individuals; Information provided by the verderers as to the number of oak trees cut down in the forest. In all 230 individuals are involved.

m. 38, Names of those failing to attend on the first day of proceedings. There is a single entry naming 15 individuals; Names of those in possession of dogs in the forest. There is a single entry, naming 11 individuals; Pleas of the vert in Macclesfield forest. A total of 2 entries recorded, listing 47 separate pleas.

m. 38d, Pleas of the vert in Macclesfield forest. There is a single entry, listing 58 separate pleas.

m. 39, Details of wood-burning forges in the forest in the time of Queen Isabella. There is a single entry, listing 16 forges; Information regarding deer found dead within the forest. There is a single entry, recording 8 separate incidents and 10 dead animals; Note that Thomas de Ferrers has caught 49 beasts in the forest; A single entry regarding pigs in the forest; Details of

stews within the forest. There is a single entry, listing 5 such stews; Note that William Basset caught badgers in the forest; Information as to the extraction of wood from the forest. A total of 10 entries recorded.

m. 39d, Blank.

m. 40, Regard of Macclesfield forest 1353. Names of 9 foresters in fee and 14 regarders. There is a list of 16 assarts, wastes and purprestures.

m. 40d, Regard of Macclesfield forest. There is a list of 13 assarts, wastes and purprestures.

m. 41, Regard of Macclesfield forest. There is a list of 22 assarts, wastes and purprestures.

m. 41d, Regard of Macclesfield forest. There is a list of 15 assarts, wastes and purprestures.

mm. 42-46d, Claims in Macclesfield forest 11 October 1357. A total of 21 entries recorded, a number of which are recorded on additional pieces of parchment [mm. 44d and 46-46d]. Several of the entries list more than 1 related claim.

mm. 47-52, Enrolment of charters in Wirral, Delamere and Mondrem and Macclesfield forest, 35 in total.

m. 52d, Blank.

m. 53, Names of attorneys in the forests of Wirral, Delamere and Mondrem and Macclesfield. A total of 36 entries recorded.

m. 53d, Names of attorneys in the forests of Wirral, Delamere and Mondrem. A total of 4 entries recorded; Names of attorneys appearing before the justices in eyre. A total of 19 entries recorded.

m. 55, Eyre in Wirral forest.

m. 55d, Blank.

## **Lancashire**

### **Preston, 18 March 1359**

Richard de Willoughby, Thomas de Seaton, John Mowbray, John Cokayn, Henry de Haydock and Roger de Farrington.

## SUMMONS/APPOINTMENTS

A letter of 24 January 1359 records the appointment of the justices (*The Thirty-Second Annual Report of the Deputy Keeper of the Public Records* (1871), p. 338).

## PLEA ROLL

E 32/56 [mm. 1-9d]

[[The main eyre clearly took place on the above date and before the above-named justices, but at the end of the roll a single plea of venison is recorded as being heard before William de Finchdean, John Cokayn, Henry de Haydock and Roger de Farrington at Lancaster, 3 August 1360. The eyre is noted in *V.C.H. Lancashire*, ii, p. 445].

m. 1, Appointment of the justices and common summons; Names of 5 verderers of Lonsdale, 4 verderers of Amounderness and 5 verderers of West Derby, with information regarding the production of their rolls; Names of those holding the office of warden of a forest since the last eyre, with information regarding the production of their rolls. The names of 3 such men are recorded.

m. 1d, Names of ministers and jurors. There is a list of 24 forest officials, comprising foresters, parkers, verderers, and 72 jurors, 12 each from Amounderness, West Derby, Lonsdale, Lancaster, Preston and Liverpool. They had to answer before the assembled interested parties as to the Articles of the Forest and the bounds of Amounderness and Lonsdale, which are then outlined; Essoins. There is a single entry recorded; The presentation of letters before the justices by John de Haydock.

m. 2, Pleas of venison in the forests of the duke of Lancaster. A total of 4 entries recorded, listing 16 separate pleas. Part of the second entry is written on an additional piece of parchment attached to the membrane along its top edge.

m. 2d, Pleas of venison. A total of 2 entries recorded, listing 17 separate pleas, 14 of which involve Sir John de Dalton in some capacity.



m. 3, Pleas of venison. A total of 3 entries recorded.

m. 3d, Blank.

mm. 4-4d, Names of those responsible for trespasses against the venison in the forests of the duke of Lancaster, with details of those standing surety for their future good behaviour. A total of 85 entries, listing 332 mainpernors.

m. 5, Enrolment of claims. There is a single entry listing the claims of the knights and free men within the forest, based on a charter of John, when he was duke of Lancaster.

mm. 5d-7, Enrolment of claims, 13 in total. 2 of the entries on m. 6d are continued on additional pieces of parchment, 1 stitched to the top and 1 to the bottom of the membrane.

m. 7d, Blank.

m. 8, Enrolment of claims. There is a single entry listing the claims of the abbot of St Mary's Furness.

m. 8d, Blank.

mm. 9-9d, Responses to the Articles of the Forest. A total of 2 entries recorded, 1 detailing the wastes of Alexander, abbot of Furness, another the enclosure of 60 acres by Ralph de Bathum.

## PLEA ROLL

E 32/56 [mm. 10-10d]

m. 10, Pleas of venison. There is a single entry listed on this membrane, detailing an offence against the venison which took place 3 September 1358.

m. 10d, Blank.

## 1368 Eyre

There is a writ of summons, dated 22 May 1368, for an eyre in the forest of John, duke of Lancaster, before John Knivet, William de Finchdean, Godfrey de Foleiaumbe, William Croyser and Peter atte Wode (*CCR*, 1364-8, 476 and *CPR*, 1367-70, 141, 144). It does not appear that this eyre was ever held.

## **Appendix One**

List of forest eyres arranged on a county rather than a chronological basis.

In most cases the dates recorded below are drawn from the pipe rolls (for which see above pp. 28-30 and 41), but where more specific information is available the date is highlighted in bold type. Those eyres for which plea rolls, or plea roll fragments, survive are marked with a cross (†); those for which copy rolls survive with an asterisk (\*); and those for which estreat, amercement or charter rolls survive with a plus sign (+). Finally those eyres dealt with in the compilation roll E 32/249 are marked with a double asterisk (\*\*).

### **Bedfordshire**

In 1190 the barons of the county of Bedfordshire fined £200 for the deforestation of that part of the county afforested by Henry I (*Pipe Roll 1190*, 145), hence the absence of eyres thereafter. See also Bazeley, p. 146, who wrongly records a payment of 200 marks in 1191.

Since Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire were joint sheriffdoms it is difficult to distinguish between the pleas heard in each county prior to 1190.

1167 - Alan de Neville.

1169 - Alan de Neville.

1173 - No justices named.

1176 - No justices named (king's amercements).

1178 - Thomas fitz Bernard.

1180 - Thomas fitz Bernard.

1185 - Geoffrey fitz Peter.

1187 - Geoffrey fitz Peter.

1190 - Geoffrey fitz Peter.

## **Berkshire**

A large part of the county was deforested by charter of 10 May 1227 (*CChR*, 1226-57, 39; Bazeley, pp. 151-2; *V.C.H. Berkshire*, ii, p. 342).

1167 - Alan de Neville.

1170 - No justices named.

1174 - Alan de Neville, Robert Mantel and William fitz Ralph.

1176 - No justices named (king's amercements).

1177 - Thomas fitz Bernard.

1180 - Thomas fitz Bernard.

1185 - Geoffrey fitz Peter.

1188 - Geoffrey fitz Peter.

1190 - Geoffrey fitz Peter.

1198 - Geoffrey fitz Peter and Hugh de Neville.

1200 - Hugh de Neville.

1208 - Hugh de Neville and Peter de Lyon.

1208 - Hugh de Neville.

1210 - Thomas de Sandford and Peter de Lyon.

1212 - Hugh de Neville.

1222 - Brian de Lisle.

**14 November 1224** - Hugh de Neville, John de Bayeux and Henry de Cerne.

1242 - John Biset.

1246 - Robert Passelewe.

1258 - William le Breton, Nicholas de Romsey, Geoffrey de Lewknor and Simon de Thrupp.

1280 - Roger de Clifford the elder, Matthew de Columbers, Adam Gurdon and William de Hamilton.

**+16 October 1329** - John Mautravers, Robert de Arden, Robert de Aspley and William de Robertsbridge.

## **Buckinghamshire**

Since Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire were joint sheriffdoms it is difficult down to 1190 to distinguish their pleas (see above p. 421)

1167 - Alan de Neville.

1169 - Alan de Neville.

1173 - No justices named.

1176 - No justices named (king's amercements).

1178 - Thomas fitz Bernard.

1180 - Thomas fitz Bernard.

1185 - Geoffrey fitz Peter.

1187 - Geoffrey fitz Peter.

1190 - Geoffrey fitz Peter.

1198 - Geoffrey fitz Peter and Hugh de Neville.

1199 - Hugh de Neville.

1208 - Hugh de Neville.

1212 - John fitz Hugh [de Neville].

1230 - Brian de Lisle, William Ruffus, Alexander de Bassingbourne (Maurice de Audley subsequently associated).

1236 - John de Neville.

1242 - John Biset.

1245 - Robert Passelewe.

**†15 November 1255** - William le Breton, Nicholas de Romsey, Geoffrey de Lewknor and Simon de Thrupp.

1262 - Alan la Zuche, Nicholas de Romsey and Master William de Powick.

**27 April 1287** - Roger Lestrangle, Peter de Lench and John fitz Nigel.

## **Cheshire**

There is no information on the patent, close or pipe rolls relating to eyres in Cheshire. There are 4 surviving plea rolls, 3 of which were generated by a single visitation, but clearly there may have been further eyres.

†\*6 November 1347 - Thomas de Ferrers, Roger de Hopwell and John de Macclesfield.

†25 September 1357 - Richard de Willoughby, Richard de Stafford, John de Delves and John de Brunham [Wirrall forest].

†27 September 1357 - Richard de Willoughby, Richard de Stafford, John de Delves and John de Brunham junior [Delamere and Mondrem forest].

†9 October 1357 - Richard de Willoughby, Richard de Stafford, John de Delves and John de Brunham [Macclesfield forest].

## **Cornwall**

In 1204 the men of Cornwall fined 2000 marks and 20 palfreys, valued at 10 marks each, for the partial deforestation of the county. In 1215 they fined 1200 marks and 4 palfreys for total deforestation, hence there were no eyres after that date (*Pipe Roll 1204*, 40; *RCh*, 122b; *RLC*, i, 197).

1176 - No justices named (king's amercements).

1179 - Thomas fitz Bernard.

1185 - Robert fitz Thomas, Robert Belet and Peter de Lincoln.

1188 - Geoffrey fitz Peter.

1198 - Geoffrey fitz Peter and Hugh de Neville.

1200 - Hugh de Neville.

1207 - No justices named.

1210 - No justices named.

1212 - Hugh de Neville.

## **Cumberland**

More than a third of the forest area was deforested as a result of the perambulations of the minority (Bazeley, p. 152).

1167 - Alan de Neville.  
 1170 - Alan de Neville.  
 1178 - Thomas fitz Bernard.  
 1180 - Thomas fitz Bernard.  
 1183 - Thomas fitz Bernard.  
 1185 - Ernys de Neville and Nigel fitz Alexander.  
 1187 - Roger de Howden, Geoffrey de Hay, Ernys de Neville and Nigel fitz Alexander.  
 1189 - Ernys de Neville and Roger de Howden.  
 1199 - Hugh de Neville.  
 1202 - Hugh de Neville and Hugh Wake.  
 1208 - Hugh de Neville.  
 1209 - Hugh de Neville and Peter de Lyon.  
 1212 - Hugh de Neville.  
 1231 - Brian de Lisle.  
 1241 - Robert de Ros.  
 1251 - William de Forz, earl of Aumale, Geoffrey de Langley, Hugh de Bolebec and Baldwin de Panton.  
 1262 - Robert de Neville, Hugh de Bolebec, Robert fitz Ralph and William de Nottingham.  
 †**5 November 1285** - William de Vescy, Thomas de Normanville and Richard de Creeping.

## **Derbyshire**

Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire formed a joint sherifffdom and down to 1256 Derbyshire did not have its own county court. It is probable, therefore, that the forest eyre for 'the two counties was held jointly and at Nottingham'. The 1262 Derbyshire eyre (for the Peak) was still held at Nottingham, although the intention of the 1256 charter granting Derbyshire its own county court was probably to remove the forest eyres from Nottingham to Derby. However, the 1285 eyre was held at Derby and was clearly quite separate from the

Nottinghamshire eyre held at Nottingham 2 years later. For all this, and the quotation, see D. Crook, 'The establishment of the Derbyshire county court', *Derbyshire Archaeological Journal*, ciii (1983), 100.

A 1216 eyre for the Peak is noted in *V.C.H. Derbyshire*, i, p. 401.

1167 - Alan de Neville.

1169 - Alan de Neville.

1173 - Alan de Neville.

1175 - No justices named.

1178 - Thomas fitz Bernard.

1180 - Thomas fitz Bernard.

1185 - Geoffrey fitz Peter.

1187 - Geoffrey fitz Peter.

1199 - Hugh de Neville and Hugh Wake.

1209 - No justices named.

1210 - Hugh de Neville.

1212 - Philip de Ulecote.

**13 June 1221** - Brian de Lisle and Walter Mauclerc (Maurice de Audley subsequently associated).

1229 - Hugh de Neville and Brian de Lisle.

1240 - Robert de Ros.

†**1250** - Geoffrey de Langley.

1262 - Robert de Neville, Hugh de Bolebec, Robert fitz Ralph and William de Nottingham.

†**+30 September 1285** - Roger Lestrangle, Peter de Lench and John fitz Nigel.

## **Devon**

In 1204 the men of Devon fined 5000 marks for the deforestation of the county as far as the metes of Dartmoor and Exmoor (*RCh*, 132; *Pipe Roll 1204*, 85; Bazeley, p. 148 and n. 2). Neither the bishop of Exeter nor the earl

of Devon participated in the 1204 fine, hence in part the eyres of 1207 and 1212. In the reign of Henry III, however, it seems to have been accepted that the whole of the county was outside the forest and the eyre of 1212 was the last, although an eyre was contemplated in 1229 (*CR*, 1227-31, 382).

1166 - Alan de Neville.

1170 - Alan de Neville.

1176 - No justices named (king's amercements).

1177 - Thomas fitz Bernard.

1179 - Thomas fitz Bernard.

1185 - Peter de Lincoln, Ralph de Hanton, Ralph de Hospitali and Ralph Huse.

1188 - Geoffrey fitz Peter.

1199 - Geoffrey fitz Peter, Hugh de Neville, Thomas de Sandford, Hugh Wake and William de Wrotham, clerk.

1200 - Hugh de Neville.

1207 - Hugh de Neville and Peter de Lyon.

1212 - Hugh de Neville.

## **Dorset**

Where separate plea rolls exist for Dorset and Somerset, I have distinguished between the 2 counties, but it is not always possible to make such a distinction. This is a particular problem for the thirteenth-century eyres, where the pipe rolls provide the only available evidence, and the 2 shires often formed a joint sherifffdom.

More than half of the forest area in Dorset was deforested as a result of the perambulations of the minority (Bazeley, p. 152; *V.C.H. Dorset*, ii, p. 288).

1171 - No justices named.

1176 - No justices named (king's amercements).

1177 - No justices named.



1179 - Thomas fitz Bernard.  
 1185 - Robert Belet and Ralph de Hospitali.  
 1188 - Geoffrey fitz Peter.  
 1198 - Geoffrey fitz Peter and Hugh de Neville.  
 1201 - Hugh de Neville.  
 1208 - Hugh de Neville.  
 1210 - No justices named.  
 1212 - Hugh de Neville.  
**4 December 1224** - Hugh de Neville, John de Bayeux and Henry de Cerne.  
 1225 - Brian de Lisle.  
 1240 - John Biset.  
 1247-8 - Geoffrey de Langley and Robert Passelewe.  
**†7 November 1257** - William le Breton, Nicholas de Romsey, Geoffrey de Lewknor and Alexander de Montfort. Robert Walerand is named on the pipe roll entry for Somerset.  
**†25 November 1269** - Roger de Clifford (replaced by Henry de Burghull), Matthew de Columbers, Nicholas de Romsey and Reginald de Oakley.

## Essex

In 1204 the men of Essex fined 500 marks and 5 palfreys to secure the deforestation of the forest north of Stane Street (*Pipe Roll 1204*, 32; Bazeley, p. 148 and n. 6; *V.C.H. Essex*, ii, p. 616). Subsequently, as a result of the perambulations of the minority, Tendring Hundred was deforested (Bazeley, p. 152; *V.C.H. Essex*, ii, p. 616).

1168 - No justices named.  
 1170 - Alan de Neville.  
 1176 - No justices named (king's amercements).  
 1177 - No justices named.  
 1179 - Thomas fitz Bernard.  
 1185 - Geoffrey fitz Peter.

1188 - Geoffrey fitz Peter.  
 1190 - Geoffrey fitz Peter.  
 1198 - Geoffrey fitz Peter and Hugh de Neville.  
 1200 - Hugh de Neville.  
 1208 - Hugh de Neville.  
 1209 - Hugh de Neville and Peter de Lyon.  
 1212 - John fitz Hugh [de Neville].  
**27 June 1221** - Brian de Lisle and Walter Mauclerc.  
 1228 - Hugh de Neville.  
 1231 - Brian de Lisle.  
 1237 - John de Neville.  
 1243 - Gilbert de Seagrave.  
 1246 - Robert Passelewe.  
 1256 - William le Breton, Nicholas de Romsey, Geoffrey de Lewknor and Simon de Thrupp.  
 +1263 - Alan la Zuche, Nicholas de Romsey and William de Powick.  
 †**5 April 1277** - Roger de Clifford, Matthew de Columbers, Geoffrey de Picheford and Nicholas de Romsey.  
 †**13 October 1292** - Roger Lestrangle, Simon de Ellesworth and John de Crokesle.  
 †**20 January 1324** - Aymer de Valence, earl of Pembroke (replaced by Hugh le Despenser, earl of Worcester), William la Zuche and William de Claydon (Philip de Say subsequently associated).

## Gloucestershire

More than a third of the forest area was deforested as a result of the perambulations of the minority (Bazeley, p. 152). A list of the Gloucestershire forest eyres, differing slightly from that below, appears in M.L. Bazeley, 'The Forest of Dean in its relations with the Crown during the 12th and 13th centuries', *Transactions of the Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society*, xxxiii (1910), 214-5.

1167 - Alan de Neville.

1170 - Alan de Neville.

1176 - No justices named, but Bazeley suggests Bertran de Verdun, William fitz Stephen and Turstan fitz Simon (Bazeley, 'The Forest of Dean in its relations with the Crown', p. 214).

1178 - Thomas fitz Bernard.

1180 - Thomas fitz Bernard.

1183 - Thomas fitz Bernard.

1185 - Robert de Haseley.

1187 - Robert del Broc, Robert de Haseley and Nicholas le Breton.

1190 - Geoffrey fitz Peter and Robert del Broc.

1199 - Hugh de Neville, Hugh Wake, Thomas de Sandford and Robert de Vieuxpont.

1208 - Hugh de Neville.

1212 - Hugh de Neville.

1221 - Brian de Lisle.

1231 - John de Monmouth, Ralph Musard and Henry de Cerne.

1244 - Gilbert de Seagrave.

**14 January 1247** - Robert Passelewe and Geoffrey de Langley.

**†20 January 1258** - William le Breton, Nicholas de Romsey, Geoffrey de Lewknor and [Alexander de Montfort]. Robert Walerand is named on the pipe roll.

**†6 October 1270** - Roger de Clifford junior, Matthew de Columbers, Nicholas de Romsey and Reginald de Oakley.

**†20 January 1282** - Luke de Tany, Adam Gurdon, Richard de Creeping and Peter de Lench.

## **Hampshire**

1167 - Alan de Neville.

1169 - Alan de Neville.

1174 - Alan de Neville, Robert Mantel and William fitz Ralph.

1176 - No justices named (king's amercements).

1177 - No justices named.

1179 - Thomas fitz Bernard.

1185 - Geoffrey fitz Peter.

1188 - Geoffrey fitz Peter.

1190 - Geoffrey fitz Peter and Robert del Broc.

1200 - Hugh de Neville and Thomas de Sandford.

1207 - Hugh de Neville.

1209 - Hugh de Neville and Peter de Lyon.

1210 - Thomas de Sandford, Robert de Tattershall and Peter de Lyon.

1212 - Hugh de Neville.

1222 - Brian de Lisle.

1227 - Hugh de Neville.

1239 - John Biset.

**4 December 1244** - Robert Passelewe, John fitz Geoffrey, Geoffrey de Langley and Laurence de St. Albans.

†**20 January 1257** - William le Breton and Robert Walerand (Alexander de Montfort subsequently associated and Robert Walerand is also mentioned).

†**30 September 1269** - Roger de Clifford, Matthew de Columbers, Nicholas de Romsey and Reginald de Oakley.

†**14 January 1280** - Roger de Clifford, John de Luvetot, Geoffrey de Picheford and William de Hamilton.

†**\*9 July 1330** - John Mautravers, Robert de Aspley, William de Robertsbridge and Hugh de Hanslope.

†**16 March 1355** - Thomas de Braose, Richard de Willoughby, William de Thorpe and John Inkpen [Buckholt forest and Clarendon, Groveley and Milchet forests in Wiltshire].

## **Herefordshire**

1166 - Alan de Neville.

1171 - No justices named.  
 1176 - No justices named (king's amercements).  
 1178 - No justices named.  
 1180 - Thomas fitz Bernard.  
 1185 - Robert de Haseley, William de Stanton.  
 1187 - Robert de Haseley, William de Stanton and Robert del Broc.  
 1190 - Geoffrey fitz Peter and Robert del Broc.  
 1199 - Hugh de Neville.  
 1208 - Hugh de Neville.  
 1210 - Hugh de Neville.  
 1212 - Hugh de Neville.  
 1230 - John de Monmouth, Ralph Musard and Henry de Cerne.  
 1250 - Geoffrey de Langley.  
 1262 - Alan la Zuche, Nicholas de Romsey and Master William de Powick.  
 †1 December 1271 - Roger de Clifford junior, Matthew de Columbers and Nicholas de Romsey.

### **Huntingdonshire**

1167 - Alan de Neville.  
 1170 - No justices named.  
 1176 - No justices named (king's amercements).  
 1177 - No justices named.  
 1179 - Thomas fitz Bernard.  
 1180 - Thomas fitz Bernard.  
 1185 - Geoffrey fitz Peter.  
 1190 - Geoffrey fitz Peter.  
 1198 - Geoffrey fitz Peter and Hugh de Neville.  
 1208 - Hugh de Neville.  
 \*9 March 1209 - Hugh de Neville and Peter de Lyon.  
 1212 - John fitz Hugh [de Neville].  
 1 November 1221 - Brian de Lisle and Walter Mauclerc.

1230 - Brian de Lisle, William Ruffus and Alexander de Bassingbourne  
(Maurice de Audley subsequently associated).

1238 - John de Neville.

1242 - John Biset.

†\*6 June 1255 - William le Breton, Nicholas de Romsey, Geoffrey de  
Lewknor and Simon de Thrupp.

1262 - Alan la Zuche, Nicholas de Romsey and Master William de Powick.

†1 July 1286 - Roger Lestrangle, Peter de Lench and John fitz Nigel.

## **Lancashire**

The forest area was substantially reduced as a result of the perambulations of the minority (*V.C.H. Lancashire*, ii, pp. 438-9). Subsequently, in June 1266 the Lancashire possessions of the earl of Derby, including the forest between the Ribble and the Mersey, were granted to Henry III's second son, Edmund (*ibid.*, p. 441).

1175 - Alan de Neville, Robert Mantel and William fitz Ralph.

1178 - Thomas fitz Bernard.

1186 - Nigel fitz Alexander and Ernis de Neville.

1187 - Ernis de Neville, William le Vavasur, Roger de Howden and Geoffrey de Hay.

1208 - Hugh de Neville.

29 October 1251 - William de Forz, earl of Aumale, Geoffrey de Langley,  
Hugh de Bolebec and Baldwin de Panton.

1286 - Roger de Clifford.

†21 April 1287 - William de Vescy, Thomas de Normanville and Richard de  
Creeping.

†8 August 1334 - William le Blount, Henry de Hanbury, William Basset and  
Robert de Saddington.

†18 March 1359 - Richard de Willoughby, Thomas de Seaton, John  
Mowbray, John Cokayn, Henry de Haydock and Roger de Farrington

## **Leicestershire**

The entire forest area in the county was deforested as a result of the perambulations of the minority. The position was confirmed by a charter of 20 February 1235 (*CChR*, 1226-57, 193; Bazeley, pp. 151-2; *V.C.H. Leicestershire*, ii, pp. 265-6). The eyre of 1229 was thus the last to take place in the county (see also below pp. 443-4 for Leicestershire's link with Warwickshire).

- 1167 - Alan de Neville.
- 1170 - No justices named.
- 1176 - No justices named (king's amercements).
- 1178 - Thomas fitz Bernard.
- 1180 - Thomas fitz Bernard.
- 1185 - Geoffrey fitz Peter.
- 1187 - Geoffrey fitz Peter.
- 1190 - Geoffrey fitz Peter.
- 1198 - Geoffrey fitz Peter and Hugh de Neville.
- 1199 - Hugh de Neville and Hugh Wake.
- 1208 - Hugh de Neville.
- 1209 - Hugh de Neville and Peter de Lyon.
- 1212 - No justices named.
- 1222 - Brian de Lisle.
- 1229 - Hugh de Neville and Brian de Lisle.

## **Lincolnshire**

Richard I deforested Spalding and Pinchbeck in 1189 (H.E. Hallam, *Settlement and Society: a Study of the Early Agrarian History of South Lincolnshire* (Cambridge, 1965), p. 64), although the prior of Spalding was amerced for forest offences as late as 1212 (*ibid.*, p. 67). Kesteven, the

remaining forest in the county, was eventually deforested by a charter of 21 April 1230 (*CChR*, 1226-57, 122; *Pipe Roll 1230*, 312; Hallam, p. 65; Bazeley, p. 152; *V.C.H. Lincolnshire*, ii, p. 418), hence there were no forest eyres after that date.

1167 - Alan de Neville.

1176 - No justices named (king's amercements).

1180 - Thomas fitz Bernard.

1185 - Geoffrey fitz Peter.

1187 - Geoffrey fitz Peter.

1190 - Geoffrey fitz Peter.

1198 - Geoffrey fitz Peter and Hugh de Neville.

1209 - Hugh de Neville and Peter de Lyon.

1212 - John fitz Hugh [de Neville].

### **Northamptonshire**

1167 - Alan de Neville.

1169 - Alan de Neville.

1174 - Alan de Neville, Robert Mantel and William fitz Ralph.

1176 - No justices named (king's amercements).

1178 - No justices named.

1180 - Thomas fitz Bernard.

1185 - Geoffrey fitz Peter.

1188 - Geoffrey fitz Peter.

1190 - Geoffrey fitz Peter.

1198 - Geoffrey fitz Peter and Hugh de Neville.

1208 - Hugh de Neville.

†\*\*20 February 1209 - Hugh de Neville and Peter de Lyon.

1212 - John fitz Hugh [de Neville].



**+20 October 1221** - initially Brian de Lisle and Walter Maucclerc, but Hugh de Neville, Robert Passelewe and William de Lisle are subsequently associated with Brian de Lisle.

1226 - Hugh de Neville.

1229 - Hugh de Neville and Brian de Lisle.

1236 - John de Neville.

+1240 - John Biset.

**24 April 1245** - the abbot of Abingdon, William de Beauchamp, Robert Passelewe, Geoffrey de Langley and Laurence de St. Albans.

†\*\***25 June 1255** - William le Breton, Nicholas de Romsey, Geoffrey de Lewknor and Simon de Thrupp.

1262 - Alan la Zuche, Nicholas de Romsey and Master William de Powick.

†**30 September 1272** - Roger de Clifford, Matthew de Columbers, Nicholas de Romsey and Reginald de Oakley.

†\***2 December 1286** - Roger Lestrangle, Peter de Lench and John fitz Nigel.

†+**31 March/25 August 1348** - Thomas de Braose, Gilbert de Imworth, John de Macclesfield, Henry de Kersey and Thomas de Fencote.

## **Northumberland**

The forest of Northumberland was deforested in 1280 in return for an annual payment of 40 marks (*CChR, 1257-1300, p247*). In spite of this, however, a final eyre was held in 1286.

1167 - Alan de Neville.

1170 - No justices named.

1174 - Alan de Neville, Robert Mantel and William fitz Ralph.

1178 - Thomas fitz Bernard.

1180 - Thomas fitz Bernard.

1185 - Ernys de Neville, Nigel fitz Alexander and Geoffrey de Hay.

1187 - Ernys de Neville, William le Vavasur and Roger de Bavent.

1196 - Hugh Bardolf.

1200 - Hugh de Neville.

1207 - Hugh de Neville.

**1 June 1231** - Brian de Lisle, Peter de Brus and John de Kirkby.

+1240 - Gilbert de Umfraville, Roger Bertram and Elias le Breton.

1252 - Geoffrey de Langley, Hugh de Bolebec and Adam de Hilton.

1262 - Robert de Neville, Hugh de Bolebec, Robert fitz Ralph and William de Nottingham.

†**22 April 1286** - William de Vescy, Thomas de Normanville and Richard de Creeping.

## **Nottinghamshire**

The Clay and Hatfield districts were deforested as a result of the 1232 perambulation (*CChR*, 1226-57, 165-6; *V.C.H. Nottinghamshire*, i, p. 367). For Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire joint eyres, see above p. 425-6.

1167 - Alan de Neville.

1169 - Alan de Neville.

1173 - Alan de Neville.

1175 - No justices named.

1178 - Thomas fitz Bernard.

1180 - Thomas fitz Bernard.

1185 - Geoffrey fitz Peter.

1187 - Geoffrey fitz Peter.

1199 - Hugh de Neville and Hugh Wake.

1209 - No justices named.

1210 - Hugh de Neville.

1212 - Philip de Ulecote.

**13 June 1221** - Brian de Lisle and Walter Mauclerc (Maurice de Audley subsequently associated).

1229 - Hugh de Neville and Brian de Lisle.

1240 - Robert de Ros.

1250 - Geoffrey de Langley.

1262 - Robert de Neville, Hugh de Bolebec, Robert fitz Ralph and William de Nottingham.

†**14 January 1287** - William de Vescy, Thomas de Normanville and Richard de Creeping.

†**25 April 1334** - Ralph de Neville, Richard de Aldborough and Peter de Middleton (subsequently replaced by William Basset).

## **Oxfordshire**

More than half of the forest area was deforested as a result of the perambulations of the minority (Bazeley, p. 152).

1167 - Alan de Neville.

1170 - No justices named.

1176 - No justices named (king's amercements).

1178 - Thomas fitz Bernard.

1180 - Thomas fitz Bernard.

1185 - Geoffrey fitz Peter.

1187 - Geoffrey fitz Peter.

1190 - Geoffrey fitz Peter.

1199 - Hugh de Neville.

1208 - Hugh de Neville.

1212 - John fitz Hugh [de Neville].

1222 - Brian de Lisle.

**25 November 1229** - Brian de Lisle, William Ruffus and Alexander de Bassingbourne: John de Monmouth, Ralph Musard and Henry de Cerne.

+1236 - John de Neville.

+1241 - John Biset.

**+1 December 1245** - Robert Passelewe.

†**24 January 1256** - William le Breton, Nicholas de Romsey, Geoffrey de Lewknor and Simon de Thrupp.

1262 - Alan la Zuche, Nicholas de Romsey and Master William de Powick.

†**22 May 1272** - Roger de Clifford, Matthew de Columbers, Nicholas de Romsey and Reginald de Oakley.

## **Rutland**

1166 - Alan de Neville.

1170 - Simon fitz Peter.

1176 - No justices named (king's amercements).

1178 - Thomas fitz Bernard.

1180 - Thomas fitz Bernard.

1185 - Geoffrey fitz Peter.

1187 - Geoffrey fitz Peter.

1190 - Geoffrey fitz Peter.

1198 - Geoffrey fitz Peter.

1207 - Hugh de Neville.

**\*\*3 March 1209** - Hugh de Neville.

1223 - Brian de Lisle.

+1249 - Geoffrey de Langley.

†**\*\*12 June 1256** - William le Breton, Nicholas de Romsey, Geoffrey de Lewknor and Simon de Thrupp.

†**25 June 1269** - Roger de Clifford, Matthew de Columbers, Nicholas de Romsey and Reginald de Oakley.

+**25 June 1288** - Roger Lestrangle, Peter de Lench and John fitz Nigel.

## **Shropshire**

Brewood was deforested by a charter of 13 March 1204 (*RCh*, 122), but it was only after the eyre of 1209, when the men of Brewood paid 100 marks for deforestation, that it in fact ceased to exist as part of the royal forest (*E* 32/144, m. 1; *V.C.H. Shropshire*, i, p. 484).

1167 - Alan de Neville.  
1170 - No justices named.  
1173 - William fitz Ralph and Richard, clerk of Alan de Neville.  
1176 - No justices named (king's amercements).  
1178 - No justices named.  
+1180 - Thomas fitz Bernard.  
1183 - Thomas fitz Bernard.  
1185 - Robert del Broc and Roger Muissun.  
1187 - Robert del Broc, Robert de Haseley and William de Stanton.  
1190 - Geoffrey fitz Peter de Robert del Broc.  
1200 - Hugh de Neville.  
**\*14 March 1209** - Hugh de Neville and Peter de Lyon.  
1212 - Fulk de Cantilupe.  
1230 - Hugh de Neville and Brian de Lisle.  
1240 - John Biset.  
+1249 - Geoffrey de Langley and Roger de Somery.  
**†\*3 February 1262** - Alan la Zuche, Nicholas de Romsey and Master William de Powick.  
**†\*2 November 1271** - Roger de Clifford junior, Matthew de Columbers and Nicholas de Romsey.

## **Somerset**

For Somerset's link with Dorset see above p. 427.

1171 - No justices named.  
1176 - No justices named (king's amercements).  
1177 - No justices named.  
1179 - Thomas fitz Bernard.  
1185 - Robert Belet and Ralph de Hospitali.  
1188 - Geoffrey fitz Peter.  
1198 - Geoffrey fitz Peter and Hugh de Neville.

1201 - Hugh de Neville.  
 1208 - Hugh de Neville.  
 1210 - No justices named.  
 1212 - Hugh de Neville.  
**10 December 1224** - Hugh de Neville, John de Bayeux and Henry de Cerne.  
 1225 - Brian de Lisle.  
 1240 - John Biset.  
 1247-8 - Geoffrey de Langley and Robert Passelewe.  
**†26 November 1257** - William le Breton, Nicholas de Romsey, Geoffrey de Lewknor and Alexander de Montfort. Robert Walerand is named on the pipe roll.  
**†+23 May 1270** - Roger de Clifford (replaced by Henry de Burghull), Matthew de Columbers, Nicholas de Romsey and Reginald de Oakley.

## **Staffordshire**

Brewood and most of the New Forest in the county were deforested by a charter of 13 March 1204 (*RCh*, 122; *V.C.H. Staffordshire*, ii, pp. 335 and 348).

1167 - Alan de Neville.  
 1170 - Alan de Neville.  
 1173 - Alan de Neville.  
 1176 - No justices named (king's amercements).  
 1178 - No justices named.  
 1180 - Thomas fitz Bernard.  
 1185 - Robert de Haseley, Nicholas le Bret and Robert del Broc.  
 1187 - Robert del Broc, William de Stanton and Robert de Haseley.  
 1190 - Geoffrey fitz Peter and Robert del Broc.  
 1200 - Hugh de Neville.  
 1209 - No justices named.  
 1212 - Hugh de Neville and Peter de Lyon.

1223 - Brian de Lisle.

1231 - John de Monmouth.

1240 - John Biset.

1247 - Robert Passelewe.

†\*14 January 1262 - Alan la Zuche, Nicholas de Romsey and Master William de Powick.

†\*30 September 1271 - Roger de Clifford, Matthew de Columbers and Nicholas de Romsey.

†\*28 January 1286 - Roger Lestrangle, Peter de Lench and John fitz Nigel.

## **Surrey**

A charter of 4 December 1189 deforested approximately one-third of the county. Subsequently all the remaining forest, with the exception of the royal park of Guildford, was deforested as a result of the perambulations of the minority [*V.C.H. Surrey*, ii, pp. 564-5].

1170 - Alan de Neville.

1176 - Robert Mantel and William fitz Ralph.

1176 - No justices named (king's amercements).

1177 - No justices named.

1180 - Thomas fitz Bernard.

1185 - Geoffrey fitz Peter.

1188 - Geoffrey fitz Peter.

1198 - Geoffrey fitz Peter and Hugh de Neville.

1200 - Hugh de Neville.

1207 - Hugh de Neville.

1209 - Hugh de Neville.

1210 - No justices named.

1212 - Hugh de Neville.

1240 - John Biset.

1246 - Robert Passelewe.

1256 - William le Breton, Nicholas de Romsey, Geoffrey de Lewknor and William de Thrupp.

†8 July 1270 - Roger de Clifford, Matthew de Columbers, Nicholas de Romsey and Reginald de Oakley.

## **Sussex**

The entire forest area in the county was deforested as a result of the perambulations of the minority (Bazeley, p. 152), hence there were no eyres after 1212.

1179 - Thomas fitz Bernard.

1185 - Geoffrey fitz Peter.

1188 - Geoffrey fitz Peter.

1198 - Geoffrey fitz Peter and Hugh de Neville.

1200 - Hugh de Neville.

1212 - Hugh de Neville.

## **Warwickshire**

Warwickshire and Leicestershire formed a joint sherifffdom and it is often difficult to distinguish their pleas in the pipe rolls. Part of Feckenham forest lay in Warwickshire (Bazeley, p. 162; see also *PR*, 1216-25, 215 and *PR*, 1225-32, 273). However, there are strong reasons for believing that the bulk of the pleas recorded in the pipe rolls belonged to Leicestershire and that fundamentally these were Leicestershire eyres. All the recorded pleas in 1170 were for Leicestershire and all, or nearly all, the places named in connection with the eyres for 1167, 1198 and 1209 were in that county (in 1169 if 'Adelacheston' is Atherstone on Stour then it was in Warwickshire). If these were primarily Leicestershire eyres it would explain why they cease to appear in the pipe rolls after the total deforestation of Leicestershire in 1235 (see



above p. 434). Perhaps any pleas concerning Warwickshire's share of Feckenham were heard thereafter as part of forest eyres in Worcestershire.

1167 - Alan de Neville.

1170 - No justices named.

1176 - No justices named (king's amercements).

1178 - Thomas fitz Bernard.

1180 - Thomas fitz Bernard.

1185 - Geoffrey fitz Peter.

1187 - Geoffrey fitz Peter.

1190 - Geoffrey fitz Peter.

1198 - Geoffrey fitz Peter and Hugh de Neville.

1199 - Hugh de Neville and Hugh Wake.

1208 - Hugh de Neville.

1209 - Hugh de Neville and Peter de Lyon.

1212 - No justices named.

1222 - Brian de Lisle.

1229 - Hugh de Neville and Brian de Lisle.

## **Wiltshire**

*V.C.H. Wiltshire*, iv, pp. 433-4 provides details of all forest eyres, including the names of the justices and the place where pleas were heard.

1167 - Alan de Neville.

1169 - Alan de Neville.

1174 - Alan de Neville, Robert Mantel and William fitz Ralph.

1176 - No justices named (king's amercements).

1177 - Thomas fitz Bernard.

1179 - Thomas fitz Bernard.

1185 - Geoffrey fitz Peter.

1188 - Geoffrey fitz Peter.

1190 - Geoffrey fitz Peter.  
 1198 - Geoffrey fitz Peter and Hugh de Neville.  
 1201 - Hugh de Neville.  
 1208 - Hugh de Neville.  
 1209 - Hugh de Neville.  
 1210 - Hugh de Neville.  
 1212 - Hugh de Neville.  
**18 November 1224** - Hugh de Neville, John de Bayeux and Henry de Cerne.  
 1240 - John Biset.  
 †1246 - Robert Passelewe.  
 †1257 - Robert Walerand, William le Breton, Nicholas de Romsey and Geoffrey de Lewknor.  
**†14 January 1263** - Alan la Zuche, Nicholas de Romsey and Master William de Powick.  
**†14 January 1270** - Roger de Clifford (replaced by Henry de Burghull), Matthew de Columbers, Nicholas de Romsey and Reginald de Oakley.  
**†+27 February 1330** - John Mautravers, Robert de Aspley, William de Robertsbridge and Hugh de Hanslope. The pipe roll names Robert de Ufford.  
**†16 March 1355** - Thomas de Braose, Richard de Willoughby, William de Thorpe and John Inkpen [Buckholt forest and Clarendon, Groveley and Milchet forests in Wiltshire].

## **Worcestershire**

More than a third of the forest area was deforested as a result of the perambulations of the minority (Bazeley, p. 152) and Ombersley and Horewell forests were subsequently deforested by a charter of 18 October 1229 (*CChR*, 1226-57, 102; Bazeley, p. 151; *V.C.H. Worcestershire*, ii, p. 316).

1166 - Alan de Neville.  
 1170 - No justices named.  
 1173 - William fitz Ralph and Richard, clerk of Alan de Neville.

1176 - No justices named (king's amercements).  
 1178 - Thomas fitz Bernard.  
 1180 - Thomas fitz Bernard.  
 1185 - Geoffrey fitz Peter.  
 1187 - Robert del Broc, William de Stanton and Robert de Haseley.  
 1190 - Geoffrey fitz Peter.  
 1199 - Hugh de Neville and Hugh Wake.  
 1208 - Hugh de Neville.  
 1212 - Hugh de Neville.  
 1226 - Hugh de Neville.  
 1229 - Hugh de Neville and Brian de Lisle.  
 1232 - John de Monmouth, Hugh de Neville, Elias le Breton and Ralph de Sudeley.  
 1240 - John Biset.  
**11 November 1247** - Robert Passelewe.  
**†\*23 April 1262** - Alan la Zuche, Nicholas de Romsey and Master William de Powick.  
**†\*29 October 1270** - Roger de Clifford, Matthew de Columbers, Nicholas de Romsey and Reginald de Oakley.  
**†\*10 February 1280** - Roger de Clifford, Nicholas de Stapleton, John fitz Nigel and Matthew de Columbers.

## **Yorkshire**

A large part of the county as deforested in 1204 (Bazeley, p. 148) and the men of Yorkshire finally secured the deforestation of the forest between the Ouse and the Derwent in 1234 (*ibid.*, p. 151; *V.C.H. Yorkshire*, i, p. 501).

1166 - Alan de Neville.  
 1169 - Alan de Neville.  
 1170 - No justices named.  
 1175 - Alan de Neville, Robert Mantel and William fitz Ralph.

**August 1175** - No justices named.

1178 - Thomas fitz Bernard.

1180 - Thomas fitz Bernard.

1185 - Ernys de Neville, Nigel fitz Alexander, Roger de Howden, Geoffrey de Hay, Richard de Hungerford and Henry le Norreys.

1187 - Ernys de Neville, William la Vavasur, Roger de Bavent, Roger de Howden and Geoffrey de Hay.

1189 - Ernys de Neville, Roger de Howden and Nigel fitz Alexander.

1199 - Hugh de Neville.

1208 - Hugh de Neville.

1212 - Philip de Ulecote.

**24 May 1221** - Brian de Lisle and Walter Mauclerc.

**17 May 1232** - Brian de Lisle, Thomas de Multon and Henry de Cerne.

1240 - Robert de Ros.

1250 - Geoffrey de Langley.

1262 - Robert de Neville, Hugh de Bolebec, Robert fitz Ralph and William de Nottingham.

**16 May 1287** - William de Vescy, Thomas de Normanville and Richard de Creeping.

**6 October 1334** - Richard de Willoughby, Robert de Hungerford and John de Hanbury [the forest of Pickering].

## **Appendix Two**

### **The Chief Forests of Medieval England**

**Berkshire:** Savernake, Windsor.

**Bedfordshire:** the forest of

**Buckinghamshire:** Bernwood, Salcey, Whittlewood.

**Cheshire:** Delamere and Mondrem, Macclesfield, Wirrall.

**Cornwall:** the forest of

**Cumberland:** Allerdale, Inglewood.

**Derbyshire:** Bolsover, Peak.

**Devon:** Exmoor.

**Dorset:** Bere, Blackmoor, Gillingham, Powerstock, Purbeck.

**Essex:** the forest of.

**Gloucestershire:** Dean

**Hampshire:** Alice Holt and Wolmer, Bere Ashley, Buckholt, Chute,  
Freemantle, New Forest, Pamber, Porchester, Windsor.

**Herefordshire:** Dean, Hereford Hay, Archenfield.

**Huntingdonshire:** the forest of.

**Lancashire:** Amounderness, Lonsdale, West Derby.

**Leicestershire:** Sauvey.

**Lincolnshire:** Holland and Kesteven.

**Northamptonshire:** Cliffe, Rockingham, Salcey and Whittlewood.

**Northumberland:** the forest of.

**Nottingham:** Sherwood.

**Oxfordshire:** Bernwood, Shotover, Whittlewood, Woodstock, Wychwood.

**Rutland:** the forest of.

**Shropshire:** Brewood Haughmond, Long Forest, Morf, Mount Gilbert, Shirlet  
and Wyre.

**Somerset:** Exmoor, Keynsham, Mendip, Neroche, North Petherton, Selwood,  
Somerton warren.

**Staffordshire:** Brewood, Cannock, Kinver, New Forest.

**Surrey:** Guildford Park, Windsor.

**Sussex:** Arundel, Ashdown, St. Leonard, Stanstead, Waterdown, Worth.

**Warwickshire:** Feckenham.

**Wiltshire:** Braden, Chippenham, Chute, Clarendon, Groveley, Melksham,  
Milchet, Savernake, Selwood.

**Worcestershire:** Feckenham, Kinver, Pepperwood.

**Yorkshire:** Farndale, Galtres, Hatfield, Knaresborough, Langwith Hay,  
Pickering, Skipton.

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